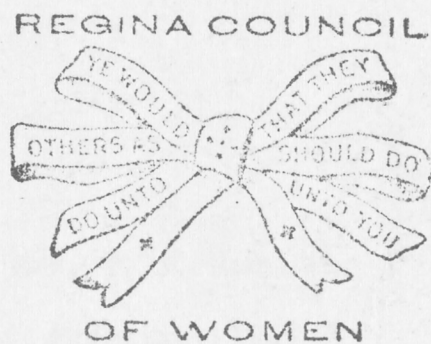


HISTORY OF REGINA COUNCIL OF WOMEN

1895 - 1965



SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO REGINA

COMMEMORATING SASKATCHEWAN'S SIXTIETH JUBILEE



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COUNCIL OF WOMEN
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INTRODUCTION

As the year 1965 marks the Sixtieth Jubilee of the Province of Saskatchewan and the Seventieth Anniversary of the Regina Council of Women, it is an appropriate time to present the history of Regina Council of Women since 1895.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Winifred Young for bringing the past ten years of Regina Council up-to-date. May we also pay tribute to Mrs. T. J. Bennett, 1925, Mrs. G. H. Barr, 1945 and Mrs. Ella Davis, 1955; three former Archivists of Regina Council of Women whose faithful recording of the work of Council makes this history possible.

In reviewing the achievements of Regina Council of Women over the past seventy years, you will be impressed, indeed amazed, by the variety and extent of Council's many activities. We pay tribute to our predecessors, whose unselfish dedication to their fellow-man made possible the much-improved society in which we are privileged to live.

Throughout this brief history of Regina Council of Women we are reminded of the true aims of Council. May we outline them?

- To teach Canadians the importance of mutual respect and trust based on knowledge and understanding rather than ignorance and prejudice.
- To dispel bigotry by "living" Brotherhood every day of the year.
- To encourage all Canadians to become enlightened citizens; well-informed about social, economic, cultural and political conditions.
- To encourage Canadians to accept their responsibilities as human beings by working together to make this a better world in which to live.
- To appreciate the blessings with which we are endowed so generously in Canada and to learn to share with those who are not so fortunate.

There is an old adage - "Never underestimate the power of a woman". The history of Council of Women speaks for itself of the truly great power of women working together for the common good. When we multiply this potential by 750,000 women in Canada we may then appreciate the need for our active participation in the work of Council of Women.

We are proud of our heritage in Regina Council of Women, never-the-less, we must not rest on their laurels. The history of Council presents us with both the inspiration and the challenge to meet the future with enthusiasm and unselfish dedication.

Beatrice Ramsay
(Mrs. R. Beattie Ramsay)
President 1965.

FOREWORD

It is with the joy and pride of a Grandmother that I accept the invitation of the Local Council of Women, of Regina, to write a Foreword for this volume which will set forth the many-sided interests and activities of the Council.

I remember very well the occasion of our first meeting with the newly formed Local Council of Regina. It was at a public meeting, held in the town hall, on November 28, 1895, when Lord Aberdeen and I were both present and endeavoured to explain the advantages of such an organization. Governor Mackintosh was also present and heartily supported the movement, as also did Mr. Forget, then Indian Commissioner and afterwards Governor. Madame Forget was the first Vice-President for the North-West Territories, and Mrs. Herchmer, the wife of the Commandant of the North-West Mounted Police, was the first President of the Regina Local Council, with Mrs. Longworthy as Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Perry as Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Adam Ross as Treasurer.

Very splendidly did these ladies and the Committee work the first year of the infant Council's existence, so that they were able to report at the Annual Meeting of the National Council in 1906 great progress in establishing a cottage hospital and also the results of various other inquiries into local conditions.

And now thirty years later, I find the daughters and granddaughters of that group of women, together with many others who have come to make their home in a city very different from the Regina of 1895, serving on a Council representative of all the different sections and activities of the women of the community, and enjoying the confidence of all.

It is a great thing for any community when there is a centre where all those who are concerned in promoting public welfare, progress and happiness, meet together and plan for the common good, although holding many diverse views, and often belonging to different churches and political parties.

The women who thus meet and work together for great causes learn to know and trust one another, and they realize the power of the Golden Rule which is the basis of Local Councils, National Councils, and of the International Council of Women alike.

In this year when the International Council called together the representatives of its 38 affiliated National Councils and met for its Quinquennial Council at Washington, it is well that each unit which goes to compose that great sisterhood should pause to take stock of its own position and work, and to realize the great mission of Peace, Good-will and Mutual Aid with which all Council Workers the world over are charged, and which, if truly carried out, will transform the world.

Godspeed to the Regina Local Council and to all its affiliated organizations.

Ishbel Aberdeen and Temair, G.B.E., LL.D., J.P.

(Lady Aberdeen)

The Regina Local Council organized in 1895 has, for more than thirty years, played a prominent part in promoting the welfare of this city. It has been felt that it is an opportune time to present, in concise form, the history of the Council's work, since the beginning.

We are indebted to Mrs. T. J. Bennett, a former Provincial Vice-President, who has gone over the minutes of thirty years and brought to light the record of the Council's most noteworthy achievements--many of these have been all but forgotten by the "old timer" and are entirely unknown to recent arrivals in our city. It is therefore felt that our little volume will be a fitting tribute to those pioneer women, who sacrificed time and effort, taking the initiative in building the Regina of today--richer in cultural opportunities, in protective measures, and the higher amenities of civilization, by reason of the work done by the Local Council. An outline of the work of fourteen Standing Committees is given by the various Conveners. These Committees, with the Forty Affiliated Societies, make possible the work of the Council.

Maude B. Stapleford,
President Regina Local Council, 1925.

HISTORY OF THE REGINA LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

At the close of the thirtieth year of the existence of the Local Council of Women of Regina, Mrs. T. J. Bennett wrote, in reviewing the work that has been done, we gather unto ourselves a vision of the great work ahead. Through all the years of our Council a spirit of freedom, of understanding and of faith, has been manifest--a freedom from the traditions of ages past--a sympathy for, and understanding of, the problems that are ours--a faith, deep and abiding, one in the other--hence, in our day, we stand as the gleaners of a great harvest, a harvest which means the betterment of our community, a harvest which means the carrying out of the Golden Rule--the motto of the Council: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you."

There are two subjects, and only two, that are not embraced by our Councils, namely: Partisan politics and theology. The composition of the Council differs from most associations in this way, that whereas other associations elect their members individually, the Council invites societies, as such, to affiliate. All the members of every society enrolled, come in with it. Each society sends its President and a certain number of delegates to the Council meetings, and lo! in a twinkling, we have an organized body, several thousands strong, from whom a really representative opinion may be obtained, when matters of public moment are to be considered, without loss of time.

What has the Council done? Let these pages speak for what Regina women have been striving after and have accomplished through their Council. Regina's Council has done much to dissipate prejudice, to break down mere artificial restraints, to prove that women in public affairs may keep the balance true, the temper firm, and the judgment wise and equal--that home and society are likely to grow better, as women strive to see and know things as they really are--to walk in the light of that knowledge, to help forward great designs and to do good. This, the changing and molding of public opinion is, after all, the greatest thing the Council has done. It is, before all else, a federation of ideas, or ideals, and an educative force.

All honor to the noble band of pioneer women of Regina, who, as the first work of the Council, made possible the opening of our hospital in this city. Their task was an arduous one, but with faith in the land of their adoption, as broad as its prairies, and with a spirit of determination, augmented by their interest in their less favored fellow-men, they undertook a task that to the citizens of our town at that time, seemed impossible. Some of these women, though but few, are still with us. Another few reside in other places, while a number have joined the great majority. The Local Council of Women, the local branch of Canada's Parliament of Women, are the founders of Regina General Hospital. 'Twas their first very important work and although many great movements inaugurated by the city of Regina, since the Local Council of Women has been organized, have been sponsored by this body of women, no other undertaking cost so many wakeful hours, so much hard work and such indomitable courage. Opening up a hospital in Regina was a task that did not appeal to the "man on the street." A hospital was a place to go to die. There are many, however, who have just cause to appreciate the achievement of those pioneer women, those women who against all odds, persevered till their dreams came true.

The Local Council was organized at a meeting held in the town hall, on Tuesday afternoon, October 15th, 1895. The town hall then stood where the Imperial Bank Block now stands, on Scarth Street. At this meeting, fifty-three

women were present. Rev. W. E. Brown, Rev. Father Sinnett, Mr. N.F. Davin, M.P., and Mr. A. E. Forget, then Indian Commissioner for the Territories, were also present. Mrs. R. B. Gordon was chairman and the resolution to organize was moved by Mrs. A. E. Forget and seconded by Mrs. Adam Ross. Mr. Davin and Mr. Forget defined the objects and aims of the Council and expressed themselves as appreciating the work undertaken by the women of Regina. The officers were then elected: Honorary President, Mrs. McIntosh, wife of the Lieutenant Governor; President, Mrs. L. A. Herchmer, wife of the Commissioner of the R.N.W.M.P.; the Vice Presidents were wives or representatives of our clergy; Mrs. Wm. Longworthy was the Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. B. Perry was the Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Adam Ross, the Treasurer. Eight societies affiliated, the fee being one dollar. The Industrial Schools, situated at Qu'Appelle, Battleford, and Regina, affiliated, being represented by local women. They each paid a fee of two dollars. Several gentlemen of the city, paying a fee of five dollars, became Patrons. At this inaugural meeting it was moved by Mrs. Longworthy, seconded by Miss Julia McCarthy: "That this meeting begs to give expression to its feelings of appreciation and thankfulness for the great work which is being accomplished by Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, as Founder and President of the National Council of Women of Canada, and to hope that still greater success may crown her efforts in so noble a cause--also respectfully invites Her Excellency to stop at Regina when returning East, in order to give the members of the newly formed Council an opportunity to pay their respects to Her Excellency, and confer with her as to the best means of advancing the interests of our Council."

On the afternoon of November twenty-eighth, the Council met Lady Aberdeen at Mrs. Herchmer, the President's home. Her Excellency explained the workings of the Council. The Countess of Aberdeen, whose democratic proclivities were well known, had mingled freely with the life of the country. She had learned at first hand, many of the disabilities under which the people of the sparsely settled prairies labored, and was anxious to provide medical attention and nursing for the afflicted. Such traits ably fitted her for the Dominion Presidency. Under the impetus of her personality, this newly formed branch felt that they had received definite, sensible and inspiring guidance, and were more determined than ever to persevere. In the evening of the same day an enthusiastic meeting was held in the town hall. The hall was tastefully decorated with bunting and appropriate mottoes. An illuminated address was presented to Lady Aberdeen by the Local Council. Speeches were given by Their Excellencies, the different clergy and by Mr. N. F. Davin, M.P. It was at a Council meeting held at the Presbyterian Manse in November that the Resolution to open a Hospital in Regina was carried. It was moved by Mrs. L. W. Herchmer, seconded by Mrs. R. B. Gordon: "Whereas the town of Regina is the capital of the North-West Territories, having a population of 1,800, and is the centre of the district of Assiniboia, with a population of 38,000, and that there is no hospital in the whole of this extensive district, except at Medicine Hat, 280 miles west of Regina; and whereas in a newly settled country such as the North-West, proper accommodation for the sick is without doubt, most necessary: be it resolved that the Local Council of Women, of Regina, undertake to raise funds for the erection of a suitable hospital and to provide for its efficient maintenance in the town of Regina, also that a committee be appointed to prepare a report as to what is required and how the determination of this Council can be most speedily and successfully accomplished." Mrs. A. E. Forget, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. R. B. Gordon and Mrs. Adam Ross were the committee appointed.

At the December meeting the committee formed to find out the best means of carrying out the resolution, re a hospital, reported; tentative plans to further the cause were freely discussed but no action was definitely taken. At this meeting an Aberdeen Society was formed, committees were appointed; these collected literature and met once a month, tied up and addressed parcels of reading matter, which were sent out to the country districts, and most gratefully acknowledged by recipients.

Mrs. Herchmer called a meeting in the town hall to determine the support the hospital scheme would receive from the citizens--a few gentlemen attended--among others, the Mayor Mr. F. N. Darke and the late Mr. J. K. McInnis. A very clear explanation of the hospital scheme was given and possibilities talked over. Mr. Darke was very sympathetic and promised in his capacity as mayor to do all he could. The prevailing financial depression and the small population of Regina rendered this undertaking most discouraging. These were dark days for our brave women. Dr. Low was the only one who encouraged them, giving his positive opinion that the project was not only feasible, but an absolute necessity, and guaranteed to fill any hospital the ladies might equip. The doubting ones in the council still demurred and feared that the promised patients would either recover or die before the accommodation could be provided and there might be no more available. As can well be supposed this state of affairs had a most depressing effect on the Council and caused no small indignation. Mrs. Herchmer voiced the almost general sentiment when she said: "Seeing there is such indifference on the part of these people we want to serve, I don't see the use of going on." A small band, however, were of a more pugnacious nature, under opposition, and suggested the advisability of showing the people what the Local Council could and would do--and they kept faith.

A committee of the officers of the Local Council met the town councillors and discussed the hospital scheme at length. The outcome was that the town council passed a resolution that if the Local Council could raise one thousand dollars in cash, they would recommend the giving of a three hundred dollar grant, as requested. Mrs. Beneke, who had been Corresponding Secretary, visited Scotland about this time and while there collected money for the Regina Hospital Fund. The Council worked most zealously soliciting subscriptions, holding penny readings with which they were most generously assisted by the Royal North-West Mounted Police. Mrs. Simpson-Hayes, now residing in Victoria, was a valued member of the Council. Mrs. Hayes is known to many as "Mary Markwell," Regina's distinguished penwoman. She wrote and staged two amateur plays--"Fairyland" and "Domestic Disturbances." These were given then by the little girls of Regina--the women of today--as their offering to the cottage hospital. We must remember that in the accomplishment of these projects our pioneer women had no street cars, no automobiles, few modern conveniences, a very few sidewalks, and, after a heavy rain our then unpaved streets were almost impassable; but these splendid women had undertaken a task, and were not to be daunted. They had determined to bend every effort to carry out their plans, knowing that skilled nursing can relieve and lessen some of the ills of life, even more effectually than the skill of medical science. The members of the first Local Council of Women were by no means women of leisure. The paradox that only the busy have the leisure, proved essentially true in their case. It is far less difficult for a woman, who is habitually exerting herself in the multifarious duties of her home, to do a little more for an extra purpose than for the woman with few calls upon her time to overcome the vis inertia for the same end.

After Mrs. Herchmer's resignation as President, Mrs. Paddon was appointed. During her term of office a resolution was forwarded to the North-West Assembly asking that the sale of tobacco to boys under sixteen be prohibited--this resolution was sent to the late Mr. G. W. Brown, then M.L.A., afterwards Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, who introduced it. It was passed by the Assembly.

1896

On Sunday, October 11th, the Executive accepted the invitation of Mrs. McIntosh, Government House, to meet the Countess of Aberdeen, who was making her farewell visit to the west. The Countess gave the members excellent advice urging them to go forward in their good work. She encouraged the Council, as one member aptly put it: "Imbuing us with a stronger desire to make ourselves worthy of such a leader." She spoke of bringing up the question of cooking and sewing being taught in our schools, also of forming a Home Reading Union. These questions were taken up and acted upon.

1897

The annual meeting for 1897 was held on February 5, in the basement of the Methodist Church, which was located on Hamilton Street, near Twelfth. At that meeting there were a number of delegates from each of the eight affiliated societies. It was unanimously agreed that the work for the cottage hospital should go on. The election for the Presidential chair was keenly contested. There were two contestants, Mrs. Forget and Mrs. Hogg. Mrs. Forget, who was in the East at the time, was elected by four votes. Previous to the meeting, almost every available sleigh in the town was in requisition, and all members entitled to vote were brought to the meeting by the supporters of one or other candidate, while a real western blizzard raged. Speaking of this election an old timer remarked, "I do not forget one stormy afternoon, when after a vigorous campaign and a clever gathering in of proxies from every outlying point, an election of officers was held, the ladies proving themselves apt pupils in many political devices, supposed to be known only to their husbands and sons. That day husbands made small bets at the Club on the result of the poll, and I formed some definite opinions on the wisdom of granting the ladies the franchise." Mrs. Simpson-Hayes and the late Mrs. James Ross were the Scrutineers on that eventful day.

During the year Mrs. Beneke, returning from Scotland, represented the Council at the National Convention in Halifax. In July, owing to her removal to Winnipeg, Mrs. Forget resigned as President and Mrs. Beneke was elected to fill the vacancy. Four Klondyke Nurses, passing through Regina from Ottawa, were entertained by the Council. A public reception in their honor was held in Knox Church, then situated where the post office now stands, refreshments being afterwards served in the schoolroom. This was a most enjoyable function giving renewed zest to the hospital scheme. The nurses stayed over twenty-four hours, being kindly entertained by Mr. Matthews at the Windsor Hotel. This hotel was situated on the corner of Broad Street and Tenth Avenue. It was burned down a few years later. The ruins were still there in 1897.

It was during the Presidency of Mrs. Beneke in the fall of 1898 that the Cottage Hospital opened its doors to Regina's sick and suffering. Mrs. Carmichael, wife of the late Dr. Carmichael, had the honor of moving the resolution to start at once and fit up a hospital. The building used still stood on the south-east corner of Hamilton Street and Thirteenth Avenue--it was Regina's first land titles office.

Downstairs were the dining room and the men's ward which held five beds, and upstairs, the women's ward, with two beds, and a small hall where the nurses slept. The house was rented for one hundred dollars a year. All the church societies in the town worked heartily for the complete furnishings of the hospital. The first lady superintendent was Miss McCullough. The first patient was a Barnardo boy named Charlie, who lost his way on the prairie and had his feet frozen. Besides those named as officers in the Council, and each one of them did her share, the women of the affiliated societies worked--not pouring tea--but making tea--going into that hospital kitchen, rolling up their sleeves, and doing the work there to be done, in order to save expenses and further the grand undertaking.

The Committee for furnishing the hospital were: Mesdames Beneke, Goggin, C. J. McCusker, Carmichael and Rothwell. Reginsans ought to know and remember that they owe much, very much, to Dr. Low for their hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Goggin worked continually for the good of the hospital; the Local Council can never forget how largely it was benefited by the late Mrs. Goggins' contributions.

The time came when the Cottage Hospital was an accomplished fact and ready to be handed over to a board of "male" directors, for although the women had done everything, they were not considered by the inhabitants capable of managing it (?) Therefore at a public meeting in Knox Church, the Hospital Board having been elected, Mrs. Beneke formally handed over the whole to its tender care. It may be added that Mrs. Beneke and her Council always regretted that at least two women were not elected to that board from the very commencement. The personnel of the first Hospital Board of Directors was: D. J. Goggin (convener), G. T. Marsh, G. Michaelis, Alex MacDonald, James Balfour, W. G. Petingell, G. H. V. Bulyea and G. W. Brown. The Board of Directors secured incorporation, which was granted by a special ordinance of the North-West Territories, under the name of Regina Victoria Hospital. The Council of Women gave the Directors, at the first meeting of the Board, a cheque for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, keeping on hand fifty dollars in the event of anything being required by the hospital.

The Woman's Hospital Aid was organized by the Local Council in this year. This society was always affiliated with the Local Council till it disbanded when the city council took over the management of the hospital. The Hospital Aid was always the Council's favored child, and in all its undertakings was ably assisted by the Council. Dr. Kirkpatrick was brought to the city by the Council and quite a sum was realized from his lecture. The town council was petitioned to have a well dug in the cemetery. A Curfew Bell was asked for but with no results. Mrs. Beneke filled the Presidential chair this year and Mrs. F.N. Darke was Recording Secretary. In July of this year the delegates en route to the National Council Convention in Victoria were entertained by the Local Council.

1901

In March of this year, Mrs. Bulyea was elected President; Mrs. N. F. Davin was recommended to the National Council and appointed as Provincial Vice President.

The optimism of the majority of the Local Council was more than justified by the results achieved by the Cottage Hospital. Soon the accommodation proved altogether inadequate to the demand. A fine structure, at a cost of nine thousand dollars, was erected on Hamilton Street, where it still stood in 1925. The building was formally opened in September by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Forget. High tributes were paid by him and other speakers to the women, who by their wonderful perseverance had paved the way for the day's ceremonies. The nurses who had worked under such uncomfortable conditions in the old hospital were not forgotten by the speakers. This was indeed one of the Council's red letter days.

1902 - 1903

During these years very little new work was chronicled--apart from assisting the affiliated societies in their work, especially the Hospital Aid. Although not particularly active, when necessity arose there always was a Council--a circle of members of the Executive ready and willing to take an active part in the social and civic life of the community.

1904

In September of this year a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Scott to meet Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of Macleod. It was resolved into a business meeting and a committee appointed to interview the town council asking that a vault be built in the cemetery. This scheme when presented did not then meet with the approval of our town councillors. Mesdames Rothwell and Ross were appointed as delegates to the National Convention held in Winnipeg.

1905

Four meetings of the Executive were held this year. The work done was principally assisting the Hospital Aid with sewing, in serving meals at the exhibition ground, where the aid owned their own building. The Hospital Aid, in May of this year, brought out a special edition of the "Leader" following it with a second edition the next Easter. This adventure netted them about one thousand dollars for the hospital. The Local Council assisted the "Aid" in their work even to acting as newsboys on those particular days. An "At Home" was given at the residence of Mrs. Bulyea by the Council and W.C.T.U.

1906 - 1907

The Grey Nuns, of Montreal, opened up a hospital on Angus Street north, and the Local Council members at the home of the President, Mrs. J. W. Smith, assisted in sewing for this hospital.

At this time, owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever, many were in distress. The hospitals were overflowing and patients convalescing had to be discharged before they were "fit" in order to accommodate the more serious cases. Empty buildings of the town, St. Paul's Schoolroom, the unoccupied St. Mary's Church, even the exhibition buildings were fitted up as improvised

hospitals. Many of these discharged patients were the breadwinners in families, hence there was need of relief being given. At a meeting of the Council a relief society was organized. Diets for the patients had to be prepared and here the relief society did excellent work. At the exhibition grounds, Mrs. Beneke was in charge of a kitchen, opened up by Council, the members taking turns to assist. They worked early and late and accomplished much.

It was during the terms of the relief society that the very great need of a children's aid society and a children's home was felt. The late Mr. Trant, who was then city magistrate, in conversation with the president of the relief society urged the opening of a children's home. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Smith, President, after an address given by the Rev. Mr. Henry of Knox Church, it was decided to ask the Provincial Government for a Children's Aid Act similar to the Manitoba Act. The Committee appointed to work with Mr. Henry were: Mrs. T. J. Bennett, President of the Relief Society (Convener), Mrs. Wm. Longworthy and Mrs. R. Sinton. Mr. Henry worked most faithfully for this society, holding meetings in Knox Church basement. Mr. Henry always said: "I am convinced that with the support of the Local Council of Women this can be accomplished." And it was. In 1908 the Children's Aid Society was launched by the Local Council of Women.

1909

In March of this year a resolution was passed in Council of Women that assistance be given the newly formed Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Wm. Rothwell was President. The members of the Quinquennial Council held in Toronto, who were passing through Regina, en route to the Coast, were entertained by the Council. A luncheon at the Kings' Hotel, a gymkhana at the Mounted Police Barracks, a drive around the city and a garden party at Government House made up the programme. In the evening a public meeting was held in the city hall, at which famous women from all over the world, spoke on vital topics.

Standing Committees were first appointed this year, and their work outlined. Seven Standing Committees did excellent work and their reports at the end of the year were most encouraging. The following were the first Committees: Laws for Women and Children and White Slave Traffic, Custodial care of Aged and Feeble Minded, Press, Education and Playgrounds, Immigration, Objectionable Printed Matter, Public Health. Mrs. Bennett pointed out that, "Council members seem to accept from year to year, without question, the work done by our Standing Committees, having no conception of the wealth of their contribution; this should not be. The Committees are equally important in the functioning of our Council and to each of these Committees must be given the individual support of every member of each affiliated society. Then each member of the Local Council becomes a potent factor in the carrying out of all programmes." After an address by Mrs. Watson, of Winnipeg, at the October meeting of the Council, a committee was named to provide ways and means to open a Y.W.C.A. in Regina. The Council members were hopeful that their efforts on behalf of the young women without homes in the city would meet with liberal support and they immediately set to work. A cafeteria was opened up in the old Leader building where the Davin Block now stands. Here the Council women took their turns in cooking and serving meals till their funds warranted a larger building and sufficient help. Club rooms were fitted up in a building across the street. Another splendid institution which has grown and flourished was founded by Regina's Local Council.

1910

The same Executive held office. There were seventeen affiliated societies, all doing praiseworthy work. The Standing Committees had an active year, especially the Immigration Committee. A large number of domestics from Great Britain were met and cared for on their arrival in the city. They were also assisted in securing positions, generally on farms.

1911

During this year twelve executive meetings were held. Fifty dollars was given by the Council to the Children's Aid Society. A very successful shower was held for the Children's Shelter. The city was petitioned for a district nurse, the salary to be paid by the city, the Local Council offering to provide medicine and any clothing needed. A set of books containing all papers presented by the I.C.W. was bought and presented to the Public Library. Mrs. Fairburn, of Toronto, visited the city in September and gave a much appreciated address on Women's Clubs in the Wascana Hotel parlors. A large audience greeted her and received much valuable information regarding the workings of the Council of Women.

1912

Mrs. Rothwell again held the Presidential chair. A detention home was petitioned for. Early in the year a grant of one thousand dollars was given by the Saskatchewan Government with a promise of five hundred from the Dominion Government for the opening of a house of welcome for domestics brought to the country by the immigration committee. A house on Twelfth Avenue was opened. The Committee reported that of the 196 girls who came to Saskatchewan in 1911, many married and were living on farms. The home has proved a great boom to girls out of work or those waiting to go to service.

The Aberdeen Society was reorganized by the Council. One hundred and twenty-four parcels of literature were sent to lonely homesteaders--many letters received proved conclusively that the good work was being appreciated. This was the year of the cyclone which swept through Regina on June 30th, leaving devastation in its trail. Although the cyclone occurred during the holiday season, there were many societies that did not get down to active work till late in the fall.

1913

During the year a committee from the Council interviewed the city council regarding a home for unfortunate young women and in September this home was opened. A house on Garnet Street north was rented and donations of furnishings were received. Later on this home was transferred to Sixteenth Avenue where under the direction of Dr. Dymond and a Committee from the Council, much good work was done. Through Mrs. Longworthy's Committee the laws affecting women and children were collected and compiled by a local barrister, Mr. Gordon W. Forbes, with the co-operation and financial assistance of the Provincial W.C.T.U. and W.G.G.A. The booklets containing these laws were published.

Mrs. Palmatier was chosen President this year but, owing to bereavement, she resigned, and Mrs. Abbott, First Vice President, occupied the chair for the year. Mrs. Newhall, of Calgary, was brought to the city under the auspices of the Civic Economics Committee. As a result a Consumers' League was formed. The City Market, situated where No. 1 Fire Hall now stands, was opened, also a Woman's Exchange. Council held a Christmas Party for the poor children of the city. Special street cars were placed at the Committee's disposal for those children living far away, while Mayor Martin, the aldermen and many other citizens, attended with their cars and took charge of the transportation of the little ones. Those privileged to attend will never forget the scene. Hundreds of children enjoyed the banquet, each carrying home a souvenir of the evening.

In August of this year the terrible war broke out. Soon after the declaration, a telegram was received from the Dominion President, Mrs. Torrington, asking for co-operation in raising funds to fit out a hospital ship. Immediately the Council responded. A number of Local Council members went regularly to render assistance at the Bureau of Public Welfare. The Council, in response to a request from the Board of Trade, welcomed the Women Grain Growers to their first annual convention held in our city. Headquarters, with Local Council members in attendance, were opened up in the McCallum-Hill Building. Delegates from the L.C.W. were appointed to the Provincial Equal Franchise League. Aid was solicited from the affiliated societies for the Queen Mary Guild, through the sale of pins; also a request was made for clothing. Mrs. T. B. Patton was appointed by the Council as their local and provincial representative on the Red Cross.

Mrs. Chas. Robson was President during this year. There were thirty-five affiliated societies and twelve standing committees. Splendid work was done by the Girls' Home Committee and the Babies' Welfare. Early in July, at a citizens' committee called by the mayor, to which a committee from the Local Council was invited, the question of provision for the care of destitute babies was discussed and the Local Council was asked to take over this very important work. An advisory board of men was appointed by the city and financial assistance promised by the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina. At a special meeting the Council decided to take over this work and a committee known as the "Babies' Welfare Committee" was formed. Quarters were secured on Rae Street south. A matron was appointed and staff installed.

Excellent work was done by the Economics Committee. A bed was furnished in the Saskatchewan Unit Hospital. School garden prizes were given. Fifty dollars was donated to the Patriotic Fund. An Auxiliary to the Homemakers' Club was formed to assist the Boy Scouts in purchasing band instruments. The minister of Municipal Affairs and the Provincial Medical Health Officer were petitioned to have maternity homes and such institutions brought under legislation. A promise was received by the Council that the present law would be amended making women eligible for municipal office. In May, Mrs. T. J. Bennett was appointed Provincial Vice-President. Objectional billboards were removed in the city and strict watch was kept for objectionable literature in our book stores. The Agricultural Committee succeeded through their efforts in having first aid instruction added to the Normal training and to be taught in rural schools.

Mrs. Robson was again elected President but resigned early in the year. Mrs. Peverett, First Vice-President, acted as President for the balance of the year. The members of the Council, by precept and example, endeavored to place a check on luxurious living, lavish entertainment and needless recreation. The dark days of the war were on and all felt that economy in food, in dress and in pleasure should be the watchword. Sunday evening concerts were given to purchase luxuries for the wounded. Council was saddened by the death of Mrs. Adam Ross and in 1916 purchased an invalid chair for the soldiers in St. Chad's Hospital in her memory. Each year a collection is taken up at the annual meeting, called the Ross Memorial Collection, this money being given to some worthy, philanthropic scheme. The first mother's pension given by the Saskatchewan government was granted through the Regina Local Council to Jane McKay. The Bureau of Health paid this mother fifty cents a day for a period of four months. The cost of living was taken up and freely discussed by the Citizens' Committee while the Committee on Laws presented facts about the minimum wage. Miss Cathro was appointed to the Library Board in response to a request from the Local Council. A petition was forwarded to the Dominion Government asking for medical inspection before leaving the immigrant's home and at the Canadian ports. Mrs. Thom was appointed to represent the Council on the Committee formed by the Provincial Department of Education for the revision of the courses of study for public and high schools. The Local Council looked after delicacies for sick soldiers, housed in the winter fair buildings, each affiliated society making itself responsible for one day a month. It was during this year that the women of Saskatchewan were granted the vote. The Local Council President was one of the delegates in attendance when the petition was presented to and granted by the Provincial Government. In the fall of the year, Mrs. Bennett, Provincial Vice-President, organized the Councils of Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Prior to this there was only the Regina Council in Saskatchewan. The Government was approached again for separate courts for women, an industrial home for women, and magistrates for juvenile courts. Babies' welfare week was held under the Council's auspices, lectures were given by specialists and examination of eighty babies was made by medical men.

Mrs. Peverett occupied the Presidential chair and early in the year the Council went on record as willing to share in any national service which was asked of the women of Canada. Keeping this promise the Council dwelt emphatically upon the question of food conservation. Seventeen hundred pledge cards were distributed to the homes in the city in an effort to have full co-operation. With national service in view the Council assisted in a recruiting campaign for the 249th Battalion, at the request of the officer commanding, by opening a registration office where women were asked to sign up as willing to release men for the ranks by filling their places for a time. There were seventy-one women registered. The Council voted in favor of a petition being sent to the Dominion authorities urging that a National Government be formed. A committee from the Council worked with the Provincial Social Service Council and is on record as favoring the legislation that provides for the establishment of municipal hospitals. A Special Committee arranged for soldiers who were spending Christmas in the city to be entertained in the homes of Local Council members.

At the first meeting of the year the members pledged themselves against having food served at afternoon or evening gatherings as long as the shortage existed. At the annual meeting, Mrs. Chas. Fraser was made a life member of the Council by the Woman's Exchange. Mrs. Fraser was the first life member in the Council--today there are about forty life members. Night schools for the teaching of English were opened by public and separate schools through the efforts of the Immigration and Education Committees of the Council. An exhibition of work done by New Canadian women was held in May under the auspices of the Council. Many changes in various laws for the betterment of women and children were prepared and presented by the Laws Committee.

During this year a terrible epidemic of Spanish 'Flu swept the province and many deaths occurred. Hospitals were taxed and in many cases, whole families were stricken. The Local Council did heroic work. Each Vice-President took charge for one day of the week. Thus organized, most satisfactory results were obtained. Through the efforts of the Council, Mrs. Stuart Muirhead was nominated and elected to the Public School Board.

Owing to the epidemic of Spanish 'Flu, the annual meeting was postponed till March. The outstanding event of the year was the holding of the National Council Convention in our city, when delegates from all over the Dominion assembled to receive information and inspiration. The week's pleasant sojourn of the officers and delegates of the National Council in Regina was one succession of social courtesies and business discussions, one rivalling the other in interest and enthusiasm.

Among the many matters to which the Council gave especial attention this year were the better lighting of parks and endeavors to impress on women their responsibility in regard to the franchise, urging them to register and vote. This is a yearly task taken up by the Citizenship Committee. The early closing of stores on Saturdays was a subject still under discussion by the Committee on Employment for Women. Mr. Burford Hooke addressed the Council on "Women's Responsibility in Municipal Affairs." Mr. Hooke, referring to the threatened strike in our city, claimed that the action of the Local Council in passing a resolution, offering assistance to the civic authorities should it be needed, had much to do with preventing such a strike. It was in November of this year that the meetings of the Council, through the courtesy of the mayor and city council, were held in the council chamber of the city hall, where they have since been regularly held.

The Council entertained Mrs. Ramsland, the first M.L.A. in Saskatchewan, at a complimentary luncheon. Miss Moore, Convener of the Press Committee, was felicitated by the Council, on being recognized by Prince Albert who conferred upon her the war medal of Queen Elizabeth, for the substantial amount raised through the campaign she conducted through the "Leader" for Belgian Relief.

The Nursing Committee was very successful in improving the hygienic conditions in the schools through the school nurse and "Little Mothers' Class." It was interesting to note that one hundred babies had been cared for in the Welfare and fifteen had been adopted into good homes.

The Committee on Laws had made a careful study of the laws of the province relating to women and children and made recommendations to the Local Council, which were endorsed. With delegates from the other Councils in Saskatchewan, the Committee waited on the Government asking for further legislation.

1920

The Presidency was held by Mrs. Wm. Omand. A Committee on Constitution brought in the following recommendations which were carried:

1. At the meetings of the Council each Society affiliated shall have six votes, exclusive of that cast by the President.
2. That Life Members should not be recognized as voting members except when they attend Council meetings as representatives of a society.
3. That the Sub-executive consist of officers of the L.C.W. and Conveners of Standing Committees.

A movement was launched to insure early closing of dance halls. Educational Committee arranged a plan where two or more representatives from each Standing Committee attend the meetings of the city council. They also advised attendance at the School and Collegiate Board meetings. Splendid reports were monthly given by the Standing Committees showing a gratifying development of all branches of the Council's work. The Provincial Council, under the Presidency of Mrs. W. C. Murray, Saskatoon, held its first meeting in Regina in April of this year. Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of McLeod, Convener of the Standing Committee on Laws, for the Dominion Council, addressed the Council, giving a very helpful resume of the laws of the Dominion affecting women and children. A resolution was carried this year that retiring Presidents automatically become Honorary Presidents with a vote on the Council. Mr. F. W. Bates gave the Council a very excellent address on the "Problems of Education." A Relief Committee worked during the winter months when much help was given the needy. There were six supervised playgrounds during the summer months and six thousand and ninety-two was the largest attendance during one week. The Council expressed their hearty sympathy with and support of the Committee working to install a swimming pool for women in the Y.W.C.A. The Committee on Fine and Applied Arts was added to the Standing Committees and an art exhibit was held under its auspices at Regina College in October.

Mrs. A. M. Bothwell was appointed school trustee, Mrs. Muirhead retiring through ill health. The Council fully realizing the splendid work accomplished by her during the past year, pioneering on the School Board, presented her with a purse as she left for Vancouver. Dr. M. M. Seymour addressed a mass meeting of women, giving an illustrated lecture in the Y.M.C.A. under the auspices of the Mental Hygiene Committee.

A short course was given under the auspices of the University of Saskatchewan and the Home Branch of the Soldiers' Settlement Board to one hundred settlers' wives in March. The Local Council undertook to billet them and luncheons were served daily by different ladies' aids.

Mrs. Stapleford was elected President. Mrs. W. W. Andrews was this year elected to the Collegiate Board. "Children's Rights," their right to be well-born and well protected, their right to play, and their right to a good education, were dealt with by Hon. Dr. Cody, Toronto, former Minister of Education for Ontario, speaking before a public meeting held in Knox Church in March, under the auspices of the Education Committee. Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings on "Local Council Work" and Dr. Helen McMurphy on "Child Welfare," gave addresses under the auspices of the Council. A bylaw providing for the regulation and control of newsboys vending papers on our streets, was petitioned for, and obtained by the Council. The question of a paid social worker and probation officer was discussed and steps were taken to ensure her appointment, but this matter is still being urged by the Council. The condition of Regina Cemetery occupied the attention of several Council meetings and resolutions asking that some action be taken towards making it a more worthy spot for our dead were sent to the city council. In November, before a large audience in the city hall, under the auspices of the Council, the three candidates for election in the Federal House answered questions and clearly defined their several policies. "The Military Policy of Canada," was the subject of an address to the Council by General Ormond. Strong resolutions were passed against freak exhibitions. Comfort stations and the removal of curtains in restaurants were petitioned for and obtained. A home for delinquent girls was again earnestly advocated. Tag day for playgrounds, now an annual affair, netted a goodly sum for the cause. During this year another Standing Committee was formed, Child Welfare; Mrs. R. J. Brandon, Convener.

Nominated by the Council, Miss C. E. Sheldon-Williams was elected to Collegiate Board. Under the Presidency of Mrs. Stapleford, this was a busy year. The Fine and Applied Arts Committee purchased three pictures. The Provincial Council launched a campaign in Saskatchewan called the "Every Woman Fund," the purpose being to raise \$50,000 for the care of tubercular mothers at the Qu'Appelle Sanatorium. Mrs. Ashley Walker was Regina Council's representative in this undertaking. Regina's objective was \$10,000. This was exceeded, as \$11,600 was raised.

The "Employment of Women" Committee arranged to have Mrs. Dredge-Jones, Captain Stuart, of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Eddy, address the council. The work of Judge Ethel MacLachlan, as Juvenile Court Judge of Saskatchewan, was warmly endorsed by the Council. Mr. Denny gave an address on "Auxiliary Classes for the Feeble Minded," under the Education Committee's auspices. The Committee on Employment kept in touch with the Minimum Wage Board, deciding to attend all of the meetings held, in future, in the city. Babies' Welfare tag day was most satisfactory. Mrs. D. R. Sharpe was elected to the School Board. The Mental Hygiene Committee studied the report of the mental survey made recently by Dr. Hincks and the late Dr. Clarke, of Toronto, and gave the Council the actual figures with regard to number of defectives unfit for regular classes, border line and abnormal boys and girls in schools in Regina, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon. The Annual Meeting was this year held in two sessions. Hon. J. M. Uhrich, Minister of Public Health, addressed the Council at the evening session. Mrs. Longworthy, the only active charter member in the city, was appointed Honorary President at the Annual Meeting.

The Local Council of Women, of Regina, with its fifty affiliated societies is now one of the four largest Councils in Canada. A summer carnival was held in Broad Street Park, under the convenership of Mrs. Ashley Walker. This surpassed any endeavor to raise money attempted before in the city. The Board of Trade, clubs of the city and individuals all combined and made the affair a huge success in raising money for the "Every Woman Fund."

The Committee on "Child Welfare," piloted by Mrs. R. J. Brandon supplied milk to undernourished children below school age. The Council gave their patronage to the Salvation Army guest tea; this is now an annual affair. Mr. F. L. Bastedo addressed the Council on "Lower Taxes and Better Times." An Exhibition of Miss Frame's pictures with a collection from the National Gallery was held by Mrs. Barber's Committee. They also purchased a Henderson picture. The Regina Council took a corporate membership in the League of Nations. The Citizenship Committee attended the Police Court when girls were being tried. Mrs. A. D. Millar gave an address on the work of the Reference Library, and Miss McDonald on the Travelling Libraries of the province. Judge Ethel McLachlan gave an interesting report of the Child Welfare Convention held in Winnipeg. Hon. J. G. Gardiner was the Speaker at the Evening Session of the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Stapleford was again the unanimous choice of the Council to preside over forty-eight affiliated Societies and ten Standing Committees. The Child Welfare Committee reported supplying forty-seven families with milk, besides assisting with clothing and relief, and held two sales for the blind of Saskatchewan. The Films and Amusement Committee worked to improve the kind of entertainment in amusement halls. Miss Harriette Keating's pictures were shown under the auspices of the Art Committee. An annual exhibit is now held in the city hall where the work of Saskatchewan artists is displayed. Miss Bond, of the Salvation Army, represented the Council at the police court and reported having visited 119 cases during the year, following up and assisting very many. At the instigation of the Committee on Employments for Women, under Mrs. G. Dolan, the staff of the Regina Collegiate Night School arranged a series of lectures on salesmanship. Mrs. Leitch's Committee on Citizenship was busy this year in a concentrated effort to have women registered and never before were as many women's names on the voters' lists. The Council has been studying and working to make the League of Nations mean more to the citizens. The collection taken each year and given to some charitable cause in remembrance of the late Mrs. Adam Ross, was voted this year to the W.G.G.A. Relief Fund. Major M. A. McPherson was the speaker at the evening session of the Annual Meeting, taking as his subject, "Social Movements." The Finance Committee had met with success under Mrs. A. H. Irwin's direction. The Playgrounds Committee reported a successful year. The "Annual Guest Tea" is yearly held by the Council, each affiliated society takes part and it is the one outstanding means used for raising funds to carry on Council work. Many other matters of importance to women and children were attended to by the Council, who are ever on the alert for ways and means of improving the social conditions in Regina.

The outstanding features of the year 1925 were the Tag Day arranged for by the Playgrounds Committee by which \$700 was handed over to the Playgrounds Commission.

The Art Committee was unusually active and several exhibitions of paintings were held. The collection of paintings now includes eight pictures representative of Saskatchewan Art.

The Child Welfare Committee has continued to supply milk to under-nourished children, has supplied clothing for young children and has used its influence for compulsory pasteurization of milk with the result that 90 per cent. of the milk supply of Regina is now pasteurized. This Committee is at present advocating the construction of a school for the blind which is an urgent need in the Province.

The Babies' Welfare had a splendid year. Many improvements have been made inside the building and the general health of the children was good. More than \$1,000 was added to the funds of the Welfare by the annual tag day and shower. Several adoptions have taken place during the year.

The Citizenship Committee has again encouraged women to use the franchise and has rendered assistance to the Salvation Army Girls' Home.

Mrs. H. L. Lovering's Committee on Films, Amusements and Printed Matter has been instrumental in preventing dances beginning at midnight in the City Hall and it is to be hoped a city bylaw will prevent such occurrences in other public halls.

The Education Committee was successful in the election of two candidates to the School Board, Miss Sheldon-Williams and Mrs. Ashley Walker.

The Law Committee recommended important changes in the Devolution of Estates Act and tried to prevent the raising of the automobile speed limit.

The Annual Guest Tea was held in May and a special committee assisted at the Great War Veterans' Frolic and Bazaar.

Outstanding speakers of the year were Mrs. Rose Henderson, Miss Beatrice Brigden and Sister Margaret Slachta, who was an international delegate from Budapest.

These years reviewed have been years of careful planning and thoughtful preparation for the work accomplished. The foundation laid carefully, stone by stone, has begun to assume proportions, to take on character and express to a friendly world, our hopes, our aspirations and our ideals. To our members the beauty of the structure lies in its friendliness, its hope for and its faith in womankind. As the days go by each aids in the building, each add according to her faith, her understanding. Day by day and year by year, as our vision broadens, our courage grows and our faith deepens, so will this Council grow, throwing out to all women rays of hope, of goodly

cheer, of friendliness--encouraging them for the work ahead, strengthening them for the days to come, building in each and every heart the hope for a finer, better tomorrow. May we strive not only for the creation of a better land to live in, but "to touch and know the great common woman's heart of us all," and in that striving, "forget not to be kind." From the strength of this kindness and this understanding, may we lay a foundation for women of tomorrow that will prove a memorial worthy of the women of yesterday.

Annie Dunlop Bennett.

OFFICERS OF REGINA LOCAL COUNCIL, 1925

Honorary Presidents: Miss Newlands, Mrs. C. A. Dunning.
Honorary Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Wm. Longworthy, Mrs. J. R. Peverett.
President: Mrs. E. W. Stapleford.
First Vice-President: Mrs. Lorne Johnson.
Presbyterian Vice-President: Mrs. Robert Sinton.
Anglican Vice-President: Mrs. Geo. Armstrong.
Methodist Vice-President: Mrs. Dyer.
Baptist Vice-President: Mrs. D. R. Sharpe.
Catholic Vice-President: Mrs. R. Rimmer.
Recording Secretary: Mrs. T. Naismith.
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Geo. Cushing.
Treasurer: Mrs. H. Black.

CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Fine and Applied Arts: Mrs. F. Barber
Child Welfare: Mrs. R. J. Brandon.
Employment and Professions for Women and Immigration: Mrs. G. Dolan.
Babies' Welfare: Mrs. Kells.
Citizenship and League of Nations: Mrs. H. D. Leitch.
Films, Amusements and Printed Matter: Mrs. Lovering.
Mental Hygiene: Mrs. T. J. Bennett.
Playgrounds: Mrs. Francis.
Education: Mrs. Ralston.
Laws for Better Protection of Women and Children: Mrs. F. W. Turnbull.
Home Economics: Miss Hope Weir.
Finance: Mrs. Dyer.

Affiliated Societies, Local Council of Women, 1925

Alexandra Club, American Women's Club, Baptist Mission Circle, Baptist W.A., Carmichael Church Ladies' Aid, Carmichael Church W.M.S., Altar Society St. Mary's Church, Catholic Women's League, Lady Patronesses of the Grey Nuns, Daughters and Maids of England, Grace Church W.A., Hebrew Women's Benevolent Association, Homemakers' Club, Knox Church Ladies' Aid, Knox Church W.M.S., Metropolitan Ladies' Aid, Next of Kin Association, Garner Lodge, No. 332, L.O.B.A.; Capital City Lodge, Gleaner Lodge, L.O.B.A., Orpheus Club, Regina Nurses' Association, Rae Street Methodist Ladies' Aid, St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's W.A., Westminster Women's Guild, Wesley W.M.S., Central W.C.T.U., Northside W.C.T.U., West End W.C.T.U., University Women's Club, Women's Educational Club, Women's Labor League, Women's Musical Club, Women's Teacher Association, Y.W.C.A. Board, Patricia Lodge, O.B.A., No. 2790, Presbyterian W.A., Junior Catholic Women's League, St. Mary's W.A., Westminster W.M.S.

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To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Local Council of Women of Regina, we propose to continue the history, as written by the late Mrs. T. J. Bennett up to 1925, by recording the history of the last twenty years.

The records reveal half a century of untiring work to promote the welfare of the community in the diverse interests falling within the scope of sixteen standing committees and innumerable special committees; unfailing constancy of faith with the ideals of the pioneer women of vision who founded the organization; readiness to meet emergencies incident to depression, drought and war; willingness to grasp opportunities to blaze new trails of endeavor and, above all, a kindly harmonious working together by women of varied talents and many faiths for the common good of all.

1926

Desperate conditions of a frontier town and urgent need were the forces which impelled the founders of Council to establish institutions for the care of the sick and helpless. Persuasion, perseverance and practical work were necessary before their efforts were crowned by success in their first objective, a municipal hospital. How different the attitude of authorities toward the women of Council of 1926, when the City Council asked the Local Council of Women for support when it was proposed to have a new wing added to the General Hospital, and when the Superintendent of Nurses urged the Local Council of Women to take the initial steps to form a Women's Auxiliary to the hospital! Both requests were complied with.

Support was given the City Health Officer in a drive to check diphtheria by the use of anti-toxin. First steps were taken to have a branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses in the city.

The Home Economics Association affiliated with Council and a programme of addresses and publicity regarding the subject of Home Economics being more widely taught was planned.

The Citizenship Committee advocated special schools for feeble-minded children and that a girl delinquent be allowed to give evidence privately. It was urged that women be allowed to serve on juries, that a woman probation officer be appointed and that the curfew law be enforced. Public dance halls and the prevalence of young girls attending were investigated.

The Committee on Employment for Women brought in several resolutions regarding early closing of stores, conditions for girls working in stores, the inclusion of beauty parlors under the Minimum Wage Act and urging the investigation of commission workers and pedlars.

Mrs. H. L. Lovering's report stressed the responsibility of mothers in regard to the class of films seen by children and Council had copies of this report sent to all affiliated societies.

Council opposed a move to allow boards for secondary schools to charge fees for children of taxpayers.

As convener of the Laws Committee, Mrs. Barr presented several resolutions asking that laws be revised relating to the division of estates of husbands and wives; succession duties; the treatment of the mentally ill under the Criminal Code; uniform marriage laws; declaration by both parties for marriage license and that the age for marriage with parents' consent be raised from 15 to 16 years.

A resolution was passed petitioning the appointment of a woman on the hospital board.

The Arts Committee presented the work of two outstanding artists, Mr. G. Kenderdine and Mr. J. H. Lee-Grayson, in one-man shows, held its usual annual exhibition of Saskatchewan art and purchased a Henderson landscape.

Council assisted with a sale of work made by the blind, a tag day for the blind, a tag day for the "Last Post Fund" for beautifying the cemetery, and, for its own purposes, conducted a fashion parade and tag day for the Babies' Welfare, two guest teas, one in May and one in October, and made a special appeal for money for the milk fund.

In an effort to overcome overlapping in dispensing relief in the city, it was resolved to circularize all relief organizations and have a representative from each meet with the City Relief Committee to discuss definite plans for having an information bureau established and an associated charities organization formed.

The Provincial Council was entertained in April.

At the close of 1926, Mrs. E. W. Stapleford announced that she would be unable to continue further as President and at the ensuing annual meeting Mrs. Peverett was asked to express the members' regrets. She presented a bouquet of roses and a diamond-studded pin to Mrs. Stapleford as a mark of affection and esteem for one who had given able leadership for six years as President, as well as close co-operation and active participation in every phase of the council's work over a period of many years.

1927

Mrs. H. L. Lovering was elected Council President. There were fourteen standing committees. The Alumni Association of Grey Nuns' Hospital became affiliated.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen celebrated their Diamond Jubilee and Regina Council contributed towards a gift and sent greetings.

A special committee was formed to assist the Women's Grain Growers' Association in their relief work.

The Council was concerned about the rising cost of living, speed limit for auto driving in the city, our status as Canadians; the Weir version of "O Canada" was approved, and the right of married women to be gainfully employed was studied.

The Council objected to the location of the nuisance ground and its condition and called attention to the unsatisfactory conditions at the pest house. On the suggestion of Dr. Lillian Chase and sponsored by the Child Welfare Committee, a contest was conducted for essays on "Maternal Mortality" by nurses of Saskatchewan and a prize of \$25.00 awarded.

The League of Nations Committee watched events in China, Italy, Albania and Yugoslavia. Resolutions were passed urging that the Dominion Government's grant, made to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the federation of the Dominion of Canada, be used for rewards for achievement in literature and the fine arts, and that peace, love and good-will be emphasized rather than war. The federal government was petitioned to preserve Banff National Park as a public park and the same government was commended for placing a twenty-five per cent duty and a four per cent sales tax on fiction and magazines entering Canada from the United States. Council asked that military cadet training in the schools be discontinued.

The quota system of immigration was studied; a statutory half-holiday was requested; Council again asked that a probation officer be appointed and that a home for delinquent girls be established; the City Council was asked to increase the library board and appoint one or more women on it. It was resolved that one day's rest in seven should be assured for all employees in hotels and restaurants, that citizens should be compelled to cross streets at intersections to avoid accidents and that a curfew bell be used.

Members of Council again helped with tag days for the Last Post Fund and the Playground Committee; work in connection with the Babies' Welfare and the Milk Fund was carried on as usual; a guest tea was held in May, and financial and moral support was given toward electing women candidates in civic elections.

In November the Council had the pleasure of entertaining and hearing Mrs. O. C. Edwards, National Laws convener. Mrs. Edwards is remembered as one who devoted years of service in promoting the status of the women of Canada.

The Women's Musical Club of Regina arranged a concert in aid of the Local Council.

1928

The outstanding event of the year 1928 was the participation of the Local Council in the Foundation Fund of the National Council, the objective being \$200,000.00, with \$5,000.00 allotted as Regina's share. Mrs. Etherington, the convener of this National Committee, visited Regina in

August and explained the scheme to the Sub-executive. At the regular meeting in September a committee of six members was appointed to take charge of the campaign here, and at the end of the year \$1,459.15 was turned in.

The Council was represented at the Social Service conference and three members were appointed to the executive of the Symphony Orchestra Association.

The usual May tea was dispensed with and instead a direct appeal to the affiliated societies was made for funds for ordinary expenses. The tag day for the Babies' Welfare was successful in collecting \$1,170.00.

The Art Committee purchased two new pictures and the Gyro Club donated two electric refrigerators to the Babies' Welfare. A cooking sale was held to raise money for eighteen medals for playground awards.

Discussion was renewed regarding women on the library and hospital boards, a home for delinquent girls, an institution for deaf and dumb children, a half-holiday on Wednesday all the year round, the sale of marriage licenses, a branch of the V.O.N., compulsory vaccination, and new resolutions were adopted asking for a commission on public health, that home economics be a part of the required school curriculum, that apartment blocks be included in the city directory, and that the steps on street cars be lowered. Slot machines were condemned.

Mrs. Stapleford reported studying laws affecting children in industry, the Succession Duties Act, the domicile of women when a divorce is sought, the age for marriage, the Homestead Act, and the committee approved the petition for old age pensions.

Under the convenership of Mrs. R. J. Davidson, the Education Committee awarded a prize for an essay on Household Science and sponsored Empire Shopping Week.

The Migration Committee endeavored to contact all British girls arriving in Regina.

Mrs. Hugh McLean was named the first Regina national life member.

It was decided to discontinue reports of affiliated societies at annual meetings. The reports of officers and standing committees were completed at the afternoon session and a banquet with addresses by Dr. Rothwell and Dr. Chase was held at the King's Hotel in the evening.

1929

At the annual meeting of January 22, 1929, Mrs. Lovering was again chosen as President.

The important event of the year was the organization of the Regina Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses. The Council had petitioned the City Council for a grant to carry on this work and Mrs. Lovering acted as chairman at a public meeting in the City Hall when the Branch was

organized on March 27. Mrs. M. B. Weekes was elected to be the first President and a Board of Management of twenty members was named. The purposes of the Order are to take care of the sick, to prevent disease and to promote the health of the community. The work is carried on by graduate nurses with a medical advisory committee.

The service clubs of the city were asked to assist with the Milk Fund and a standing committee to administer the fund was established.

Council considered the matter of a technical school for Regina and authorized the Mental Hygiene Committee to appear before the City Council to advocate separate classes in all schools for defective children. A psychopathic ward at the General Hospital was requested for the care of borderline mental patients.

It was urged that a temperance educational course be added to the school curriculum and legislation was asked to prevent the selling of liquor to children under sixteen. The prevalence of cigarette smoking was investigated and the health and welfare of pre-school age children studied. The Laws Committee asked that the age of juveniles be raised from sixteen to eighteen years. Efforts to prevent the granting of a license to a road-house near Regina were successful. The L.C.W. had ten delegates on the Social Service Council. Medals for deportment were provided by the Playgrounds Committee. The Education Committee held a tea at the collegiate for delegates to the Trustees' Convention and the members of the Home Economics Committee served the tea. Council supported the Bothwell Memorial Fund for collegiate students and support was asked to have an extension to the Y.W.C.A. building.

The Council supported the Kinsmen Club in a drive to do away with mosquitoes and regulations regarding the sale of fruit and vegetables in Canada were studied.

Council discussed ways and means to raise the status of domestic workers and a member of the L.C.W. was appointed to the Girls' Work Board. The registration of unemployed women was arranged.

Housing and town planning became the concern of the Citizenship Committee and a resolution was adopted asking for through streets and traffic signals in the city.

The Council was particularly pleased to congratulate the three public-spirited women who had taken a case to the Privy Council and obtained a verdict conceding that women are persons qualified, as such, to hold public office.

A resolution was supported by Mrs. Walker of the Public School Board and Miss Sheldon-Williams of the Collegiate Board was passed by the Council petitioning the Provincial Government to provide for a Board of Education to administer the affairs of both school boards.

Mrs. Stapleford was appointed by the L.C.W. to attend a meeting representative of all women's organizations being called by the United Farmers' Association for the purpose of considering a peace resolution to be forwarded to the League of Nations.

The Salvation Army became affiliated with the L.C.W.

The Emily Pankhurst Memorial was supported.

Mrs. Thacker, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hanway and Dr. Chase gave reports of the National Council meeting which had been held at Saskatoon.

Mrs. Lovering retired after three years' worthy service.

1930

Mrs. P. I. Thacker was elected President. The repercussions of the world-wide financial collapse were soon felt in Regina and a special word should be said in appreciation for the ever-increasing burden of work carried on by Council through the succeeding six years of depression.

At the annual meeting of January 21, 1930, much attention was given to a revision of the constitution.

A central community relief bureau was again advocated to avoid overlapping. Representatives of Council attended organization meetings. The Local Council petitioned the government for pensions for the blind, conferred with the Red Cross Society regarding relief, and asked the government to make the employment bureau more attractive and useful for women.

The Council renewed its request for a home for delinquent girls, asked for an increase in the minimum of civil servants' salaries, interviewed the government regarding a revision of school texts, repeated the request for a more restricted issuing of marriage licenses, and commended the Provincial Government for passing Acts assuring one day's rest in seven. Succession duties and the duties of the official guardian were reviewed.

The V.O.N. affiliated with the L.C.W.

Child welfare and parent and child relationship were discussed. The popular styles of dancing and bathing attire were disapproved.

The Art Committee held its annual exhibition of Saskatchewan art. A picture by Miss Harriette Keating, a Regina artist, was purchased. Library extension was discussed and Mrs. Bothwell addressed the Council.

At the Babies' Welfare one hundred and fifteen babies had been cared for during the year. Twelve hundred dollars was raised by means of a tag day.

The minutes and the reports reveal a growth in importance in the work of the standing committees and a closer study by the groups of matters of particular interest. At the same time, co-operation of all groups and a unity of purpose is shown in all cases affecting the interests of community life and especially the welfare of women and children.

Unemployment and relief were discussed by the officers of Council with the City Council.

Representatives of Council were appointed to the World's Grain Show Committee.

Resolutions were passed asking for a closer censorship of films. The advent of the newsreel was commended.

Congratulations were extended to the first "person" to be appointed Senator, a woman of outstanding ability, Mrs. Norman F. Wilson.

At the close of the annual meeting of January 20, 1931, a banquet with a pleasing programme, followed by a theatre party, was enjoyed.

1931 - 1932

The President, Mrs. Thacker, and the First Vice-President, Mrs. Horne, were pressed more and more into community service regarding relief. The Arts Committee became the Arts and Letters Committee. The Laws and Citizenship Committees made a special effort to co-ordinate the work of the Provincial Laws Committee and the National Council Committee. The L.C.W. were successful in the election of their nominees, the first women aldermen of the city, Mrs. Ashley Walker and Mrs. C. G. Holmes to the Public School Board.

Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank was appointed convener of a special sewing committee to help the community clothing depot committee in an effort to benefit those who felt keenly the stress of difficult times. Sixteen hundred and seventy-nine articles of clothing were made by this committee in one year.

In March, 1932, the Natural Resources Committee was formed and soon grew in size and importance as a study group.

Council asked that the age for pensions for women be reduced to sixty-five years; the rights of illegitimate children were studied and laws re the nationality of married women investigated. Protests were made regarding the elimination of maternity grants and a cut in mothers' allowances. Council urged better lighting of city parks. Closer inspection of meat and milk was asked and the matter of a maternal health and well baby clinic was discussed. A resolution asking for medical examination of pre-school age children was passed. A proposal to increase the speed limit was disapproved.

A committee was appointed to promote courses of training for girls out of work. High rents and crowded rooming houses were investigated, sweepstakes were disapproved and the City Council was asked to prohibit the holding of dances after midnight before holidays. The use of radio as a means of education was noted, and that nurses should be appointed for collegiates.

Judge Ethel McLachlan addressed Council on the work of the Juvenile Court. Pooks were donated to the Industrial School for Boys. Much appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Stapleford and Mrs. Lorne Johnson for successfully carrying through and winding up the Every Woman Fund for Tubercular Mothers. The objective was \$10,000.00 for Regina. The sum raised amounted to \$11,600.00.

In March, 1932, the Peace Study Group became affiliated with Council. Empire trade relations were discussed at a regular meeting and members heard a radio address from Geneva by Miss Winnifred Kydd.

During these difficult years special efforts were made to obtain donations for the Milk Fund, the tag day for the Babies' Welfare was carried on as usual and, for ordinary council expenses, a May tea was held. A special concert to raise funds for the playground awards was held and a flag was donated by Council. A drive for funds for the work of the Welfare Bureau and work of the Salvation Army Home was supported.

On March 19, 1931, eighty members of council attended a luncheon arranged in honor of Mrs. Wilson, who was visiting the West.

A special meeting of the Executive was held on November 15 for the purpose of meeting the National President, Miss Winnifred Kydd, who had been honor guest and speaker at a luncheon.

In November, 1932, the Civic Government Association asked support of the Council in efforts to have intelligent candidates placed before the electorate.

At the December meeting of 1932, first steps were taken to have a Parent-Teachers' Association formed.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting on January 19, 1933, marked the end of Mrs. Thacker's term as President. An illuminated address had been prepared by Mrs. T. J. Bennett, the Council's historian, and was read by her while Mrs. Longworthy presented Mrs. Thacker with a life membership certificate and pin. These gifts were offered as an expression of appreciation for cheerful leadership and untiring interest in every phase of the Council's work. Mrs. Thacker's popularity was evidenced by an almost perfect attendance at this meeting by representatives of affiliated societies.

1933

In 1933 the new President was Mrs. R. H. Horne. Mrs. Wilkie presented a draft constitution and reported progress towards the formation of a home and school club.

Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Cruickshank represented Council on a Saskatchewan Radio Committee formed to promote the interests of the province with the CBC.

Through the efforts of the Health Committee better sanitary arrangements were made at the railway depot.

The League of Nations Committee reported an active year arranging addresses to affiliated societies and preparing and considering resolutions regarding a national day to celebrate peace; the restriction of the manufacture and sale of armaments in Canada. The committee and the Council agreed to co-operate with the University Women's Club, the Peace Study Group and the I.O.D.E. in forwarding resolutions to the League of Nations Society. One L.C.W. resolution was sent direct to Geneva.

The Economics Committee prepared and sent out menus showing how to make the best use of relief food.

The work of administering the supervised playgrounds was placed with the City Parks Department. Mrs. Lythe was commended for her years of leadership in starting and promoting this work. The attendance of children had increased to over one hundred thousand per year.

Wheat products were displayed at the Council's spring tea and a committee of Council members was appointed to join with a committee of the Canadian Club to make plans for the World's Grain Show.

The Films and Printed Matter Committee reported excellent co-operation with the Saskatchewan censor, the managers of theatres and the superintendent and teachers of the schools. An essay contest was conducted for pupils of grades seven and eight.

The L.C.W. became a member of the Canadian Council of Child and Family Welfare.

Council was asked for support for the Institute for the Blind and the Self-Help League. Supplies were sent to a relief camp at Dundurn.

The Finance Committee convened by Mrs. Fred Barber, had an unusually busy year. A successful spring tea was held at the Trianon in April and a very happy birthday tea was arranged at the Nurses' Home in the fall. A luncheon and tea for the wives of delegates to the World's Grain Show were arranged. The Provincial Council of Women met in Regina and were entertained at a banquet. Arts and Letters Committee held the annual art exhibition in November.

Mrs. McDermott attended the annual meeting of the National Council held in Calgary.

Mrs. Hugh MacLean was appointed the L.C.W. delegate to the meeting of the International Council held in Paris, France.

A quantity of Indian bead work was purchased and placed in the Library of the Parliament Buildings for display. Forty dollars was spent on plates and frames for the pictures owned by the committee, which now numbered sixteen and were hanging on the walls of the Public Library.

1934

Mrs. H. R. Horne was elected President. An extra meeting was held to consider the proposed constitution of the Community Chest. The Ukrainian Ladies' Aid affiliated with Council.

The importance of Home and School Clubs was stressed by the President, and the Educational Committee centered its efforts on the organization of the first club in the Connaught School district. After much groundwork and careful planning the committee were able to report keen public interest.

It was decided to co-operate with the Ministerial Association, the Social Service Council and the I.O.D.E. in an effort to have better films shown at the theatres. Fan dancing was condemned. The efforts of Council were successful in arousing the interest of citizens and a closer censorship was demanded.

The Committee for Trades and Professions of Women made many efforts to uphold the provisions of the Minimum Wage Act and they never lost an opportunity to protect the interests of the underprivileged worker. Equal pay for men and women, the right of married women to be gainfully employed and the plight of unemployed unmarried women were burning questions.

The duties and powers of Justices of the Peace were considered and a resolution recommending a change was approved by Council. The committee was active in having citizens register on the voters' lists and at the time of the civic elections all members worked to get voters to the polls.

Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Cruickshank and Mrs. Watkins were appointed to represent Council on the Community Chest Committee and at the special meeting of Council of November 6, a resolution was adopted approving of co-operation with the Community Chest organization and participation regarding the Council's Milk Fund.

Mrs. Robb was appointed L.C.W. representative to a committee on fire prevention of the Young Men's Division of the Board of Trade.

Mrs. Peter Stewart and Mrs. D. L. McPherson represented Council on the Civic Government Association.

Mrs. George Bell was elected National Convener of the Natural Resources Committee.

Mrs. Thacker, Provincial President, was appointed our delegate to National Council annual meeting. In her report Mrs. Thacker stressed the need for trained women for public office and the advisability of careful town planning.

The Finance Committee used two novel means to raise funds. An exhibition of household linens was sponsored and a series of chain teas held at homes of members.

1935

Mrs. H. R. Horne was elected President.

Affiliated societies increased from thirty-four to forty-two.

The Recording Secretary reported Council to be represented on the following boards: City Playgrounds, Library, City Council, Relief Board, Welfare Bureau, Hospital Board, Collegiate Board, Public School Board and Community Chest.

The year was one of extreme difficulty because of depression, unemployment, drought and dust storms, yet the women of the L.C.W. had faith that there would be food to be prepared, so the main undertaking of the year was to compile a cook book to be a souvenir to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Regina Council with Mrs. Milliken as convener. The sale of advertising space more than took care of the cost of publication and 1,500 copies were printed and distributed to the affiliated societies for sale.

A successful jubilee tea was held at the Trianon with many attractive features representative of the Empire.

The Arts and Letters Committee purchased a beautiful floral painting by Marie Guest of Winnipeg. To obtain money to complete the purchase price, a tea was held at the home of Mrs. Barr.

Mrs. Cooper made special efforts to acquaint the public regarding motion pictures suitable for children and arranged a five-minute broadcast over the local stations once every two weeks.

Council went on record as favoring uniform time throughout the province.

The sub-executive entertained at tea at the President's home in honor of Judge Ethel McLachlan on her retirement. The Laws Committee expressed pleasure in successfully promoting the appointment of a qualified lawyer, Miss Margaret Burgess, to take Miss McLachlan's place as judge of the Juvenile Court.

A grant of money was made to the Cancer Fund. Council sponsored, with success, Mrs. R. H. Milliken for election to the Public School Board and Miss C. E. Sheldon-Williams to the Collegiate Board.

At the fortieth annual meeting of the L.C.W., Mrs. Horne delivered an inspiring address, giving a review of the Council's proceedings. On behalf of the members, Mrs. Cameron read a complimentary address which had been beautifully illuminated by Molly Cruickshank. The address was accompanied by a life membership certificate and pin and the presentation to Mrs. Horne was made by Mrs. Peverett.

Members stood in silent tribute to the late King George V, and a message of sympathy was sent to the Royal Family.

Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank was elected President. At the first meeting of the year the President was asked to appoint a committee to bring the constitution of the L.C.W. in line with that of the National Council.

Mrs. Cruickshank invited presidents or representatives of affiliated societies to address regular meetings of Council to make members better informed about the aims and achievements of each. This arrangement proved interesting and informative to all. The Child Welfare and the Milk Fund were amalgamated and became known as the Child and Family Welfare Committee.

In February, Council passed a resolution asking that qualified playground supervisors be appointed. The City Council was commended for the arrangements made for bathing at Wascana Lake.

Mrs. Menzies was appointed to the local branch of the League of Nations Society, of which the L.C.W. was a corporate member. Mrs. Menzies presented resolutions petitioning "constructive peace action."

Housing conditions, town planning and taxation were questions of keen interest. Mrs. Walker brought in a resolution asking that overcrowded conditions in the city hall be remedied as a public works project. Council had the pleasure of holding its October meeting in the newly decorated and rebuilt council chamber. Mrs. Walker reported there are over a thousand houses with limited sanitary facilities. These matters, as well as pure food regulations, were thoroughly studied by the Economics and Citizenship Committees. Mrs. Cruickshank was asked to represent Council on a civic unemployment committee.

As a result of a joint meeting of the Education and Citizenship Committees, a resolution was approved petitioning a course in citizenship for school children so that co-operation in every phase of life might be regarded as a necessity. Broadcasts on music appreciation arranged by the School Board were commended.

Other resolutions referred to changes in succession duties, the trial of juveniles before magistrates, the age of juveniles, the appointment of directors to the cancer clinic, a woman relief investigator, the elimination of examinations of school children in June, sending convicted delinquent children to be cared for at the Children's Shelter, salaries of rural school teachers, enlarging the scope of the Minimum Wage Act, the conservation of forests, the trapping of fur-bearing animals, drinking scenes in moving pictures, pensions for the blind, and details in the regulations regarding the sale of beer.

A special resolution was approved by the Arts and Letters Committee and by the Council at its October meeting. This provided for the gift of the paintings owned by Council and which had been purchased by the Arts and Letters Committee, to the University of Saskatchewan to be hung in the new Art Gallery to be built. A condition was that the pictures should not be moved from Regina.

A highlight of the year was Mrs. Cruickshank's report of the meeting of National Council at Halifax. Peace and gracious living had been the dominating theme. On the nomination of Regina L.C.W., Mrs. P. I. Thacker was made an honorary member of National Council. Mrs. Cruickshank was appointed our representative to the Work and Wages League.

Congratulations were sent to L.C.W. of Saskatoon on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary.

1937

Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank was elected President for a second year.

On the occasion of Mrs. Stapleford's departure for Toronto a reception was held in her honor. Mayor Ellison expressed appreciation of the city regarding the value of Mrs. Stapleford's residence in Regina and the part she had taken for the general good. Mrs. Lovering presented a lovely bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Stapleford.

Mrs. W. W. Andrews reported on the National Executive meeting in Toronto and Mrs. J. A. Menzies the Statutory Executive meeting in Ottawa.

The L.C.W. passed a resolution disapproving the aggression of Japan against China.

The National Recreation Committee took care of thirty-six girls of Climax, Sask., during a week's visit to the city.

In collaboration with the affiliated societies, Mrs. C. W. Ross arranged a series of teas at the time of the Home Improvement Exhibition and endeavored to complete the sale of the souvenir cook books.

With a slight alteration regarding minimum salary, Council approved a code regarding the status of domestic workers.

The Public Health Committee reported close co-operation with the City Medical Health Officer and the Provincial Department of Public Health. Resolutions passed by Council asked that mental hygiene clinics be established in the province, that a policewoman be appointed for the city and that there be supervised accommodation for single unemployed women in Regina. Pamphlets prepared by the federal and provincial governments on venereal disease were distributed to the affiliated societies.

The League of Nations Committee sponsored a public meeting during Peace Action Week.

"Adult education" was the subject of an address by Professor Bertha Oxner of the University of Saskatchewan at a regular meeting of Council. Mrs. Holmes reported that a survey had been made to ascertain what was being done in Regina to promote adult education.

The Arts and Letters Committee was enlarged to twenty-five members and joint meetings were held. The committee co-operated with the Educational Club of Regina College and the local branch of the Women's

Art Association of Saskatchewan in taking charge of collections of paintings sent across Canada by the National Gallery at Ottawa. A number of committee members were engaged in the production of creative work in art and literature which had received public recognition. The committee gratefully acknowledged the gift of two paintings, one the work of Mrs. Mary Dignam, convener of the National Arts Committee, and the other by a Toronto artist, Miss Doris McCarthy.

The Economics and Taxation Committee had a busy year. Conferences were held with authorities directing the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan, and Mrs. T. L. Guild acted as convener of the Regina Women's Advisory Committee.

The Natural Resources and Industries Committee reported a full year of study with papers and addresses by members and guest speakers.

Members of the Laws Committee renewed study of The Divorce Act and recommended a policewoman should be appointed for Regina. They were successful in having a committee appointed to investigate living conditions of unemployed women, and expressed pleasure that Mrs. Cruickshank had been appointed to the city committee. It was regretted that the appointment of a Juvenile Court Judge had been discontinued.

Mrs. J. E. Cooper, convener of the Cinema and Printed Matter Committee, acted as a public relations committee between the public and the theatres by studying the reviews of all films shown and by holding radio broadcasts, by keeping in touch with all educational films and by forming a branch of the National Film Society. The Committee was instrumental in having legislation passed so that pictures would be graded and advertised as "general" or "adult".

Council extended congratulations to Miss Fredricka Armstrong on her appointment as Chief Librarian of the Public Libraries.

The L.C.W. affiliated with the Council of Social Agencies, a clearing house for all social organizations.

1938

Mrs. W. K. Cruickshank elected President for third year.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Relief Committee was supported by Council. Mrs. Cruickshank was appointed to the general committee and Mrs. C. W. Ross was asked to act as captain for a tag day for the Chinese Red Cross.

Council supported a resolution presented by the I.O.D.E. asking for hospitalization of needy patients.

Council asked the City Council to make a grant to a Citizens' Boys Band and this was made.

Mrs. Reilly's committee asked for greater restrictions regarding the sale, in Canada, of cheap magazines with crime and sex stories. The Education Committee co-operated with the Citizenship Committee in an effort to ensure greater safety for children going to and from school. Better fire protection in educational institutions was asked for. In May, 1938, a Home and School Club in Herchmer School district was organized.

A committee of Council was appointed to discuss the affairs of the Babies' Welfare with the city authorities.

Due to the pressure of duties at the Welfare Bureau it was found necessary to give out the milk tickets at the office of the city health nurse, Miss Nora Armstrong. This was done through the courtesy of the city health officer.

Mrs. Walker was appointed to take charge of the youth-training courses and classes.

Mrs. Cruickshank was the unanimous choice of the L.C.W. for nomination for civic honors as alderman of the city.

Mrs. Geo. Spencer, President of the National Council, was a guest of the Regina Council at luncheon attended by about eighty members.

Mrs. Geo. Bell and Mrs. F. W. Bates, delegates of Regina L.C.W. at the annual meeting of National Council at Vancouver, reported having had the pleasure of hearing the voice of Lady Aberdeen, founder of the Council, in an address over the radio from her home in Scotland.

Mrs. Cruickshank's term as President came to a close. As an expression of appreciation for inspiring leadership, untiring efforts and happy associations and comradeship with all the workers of Council, Mrs. Cruickshank was presented with an address and gold ring.

1939

Mrs. Ashley M. Walker was elected President for the year 1939.

At the first meeting of the year Mrs. Cameron sketched the history of juvenile courts from 1862 in Switzerland, and Mrs. Thacker dealt with the same subject in relation to the Province of Saskatchewan. A properly constituted Juvenile Court was petitioned and the appointment of two Juvenile Court Judges, both of whom should be women; the committee recommended that the probation officers should be officers of the Juvenile Court and should be properly qualified; that there should be child guidance schools to operate between the schools and the Juvenile Court; that the age of juveniles in Saskatchewan should be raised to all under eighteen years; that part IV of the Child Welfare Act, which was repealed in 1936, relating to feeble-minded and other mentally defective children, be replaced in the Act; that there be established immediately in Saskatchewan an industrial school for girls; and that training facilities be arranged for the boys' industrial school. The committee was authorized by Council to present these recommendations to members of the Saskatchewan Government.

The Education Committee was requested by the Council to forward a resolution to P.C.W. and to the government asking that three larger administrative school districts be set up as an experiment. The committee attended meetings of the Public School Board to discuss matters relating to the curriculum and to ask that hearing tests be made. The committee recommended a Board of Public Education and thought that rural libraries in the province should be considered.

The L.C.W. took membership in the Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer. Mrs. Hames was pleased to report that four women had been appointed to the executive of the local committee. Cancer control was especially emphasized during Health Week by a public meeting addressed by medical doctors of the cancer clinic. Mrs. Cruickshank organized the Salvation Army Home Auxiliary.

Mrs. F. W. Turnbull reported on the National Executive meeting which had been held at Kingston in January.

Mrs. Walker was appointed to the city housing committee.

The L.C.W. passed a resolution asking the City Council to recognize the principle of seniority, with competency, in promotions within the city service.

Mrs. Walker, Mrs. T. A. Wilson and Mrs. Boland were appointed as representatives of Council on the Community Chest. Mrs. Cruickshank and Mrs. Burrows for the Welfare Bureau. Mrs. Thacker was sent as a delegate to the annual meeting of the National Council at Hamilton.

On the gracious invitation of Mrs. McNab, Honorary President, the Committee on National Recreation arranged a tea at Government House to raise funds for "McNab" and "Lythe" school grounds.

A Home and School Club was organized at Scott Collegiate.

Mrs. Cruickshank was elected President of the Provincial Council of Women.

Council was indebted to Mrs. H. Flock for a most interesting address on the flowers of Saskatchewan. A resolution was presented asking the government to designate the red lily as a floral emblem and the mallard duck as a bird emblem for the province.

An Auxiliary to the Chinese Red Cross Committee was formed and affiliated societies were asked to name two representatives from each society. Dr. Hilda Neatby, Professor of History, addressed a meeting of committees of Council on "International Democracies".

Members met at the September meeting in sober mood--war had been declared. Mrs. Walker addressed the meeting on "Duty During Wartime". The plan for the voluntary registration of women workers was endorsed.

On motion of Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Thomson it was resolved to "write our provincial government and express our desire to serve in any capacity in which they feel we may be of assistance in the advancement of the allied cause in these times of stress".

Mrs. Cooper was named to act for Council on the general committee of the Youth Training Plan.

Mrs. Boland, in interests of Milk Fund, broadcast an appeal for funds for the Community Chest. The drive was successful.

Council nominated three members for civic honors. All three were elected.

At the regular meeting of May 30, a resolution was placed before the Council in the following words: "We, the Local Council of Women of Regina, reaffirm our loyalty to Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their visit to Regina." Members supported the resolution by a standing vote.

It was with a sense of personal loss that members of Council learned of the death of Lady Aberdeen. Members paid tribute by standing in silence.

1940

After one year as President of the L.C.W., Mrs. Walker retired owing to her election to City Council as Alderman. Mrs. C. H. J. Burrows was elected President for 1940.

When Mrs. Burrows took office as President, the call to service in all sorts of war work became imperative. Most of our members are also church workers and, as well, workers in other national organizations. When Mrs. Burrows first addressed the Council she said, in part: "We do not know what sacrifices we may be called upon to make in the days that lie ahead, but let us all work together for the common good so that when peace does come, as come it must, we shall be ready to do our part to build a better nation--a nation great not in material things alone but in the spiritual things; a nation built on the golden rule."

Early in the year Mrs. Burrows and the sub-executive extended an invitation to the full executive and life members for tea at the home of the President. A pleasing feature of this social function was the presentation of a life membership and pin to Mrs. Wm. Lythe, retiring convener of the National Recreation Committee.

At the February meeting, a moment of silence was observed in respect to our late beloved Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir. Later in the year, Council contributed toward a gift for Lady Tweedsmuir on the occasion of her departure from Canada.

Mrs. E. E. Thomson was appointed to the Consumers' Council and carried on as convener of her Committee.

At the March meeting Miss Herriott, convener of the National Recreation Committee, delivered a splendid address on "The Recreative Youth Movement in Other Countries". The committee reported participation in arranging a tea and display of work at the Recreation Centre, a development under the supervised playgrounds scheme. Mrs. Burgess was congratulated on her success in conducting plays by Regina children at the Provincial Drama Festival, and on receiving the award of the Canadian Daughters' League for her written play, "Back to Earth".

The Education Committee presented a resolution asking "that all resident students' collegiate fees be abolished without reduction of salaries or decrease in services".

In April the L.C.W. were hostesses for the Provincial Council of Women. Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Honorary President, L.C.W., opened her home for a tea and reception in honor of the visitors.

Lieutenant-Governor A. P. McNab and Mrs. McNab were congratulated on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Burrows attended the Statutory Executive meeting of the National Council, held at Toronto in June, and gave the L.C.W. a concise summary of the important business of the meeting.

Council passed a resolution asking for compulsory naturalization of people in Canada.

Early in the year Mrs. McNab requested Council to help raise funds and provide comforts in support of the work of the British Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, of London, England, and the L.C.W. agreed to do so as their special war effort. A special committee was appointed to take charge of the funds in connection with the work. A very successful tea was held at Government House in October in aid of this work. In addition, money, quilts, clothing and knitted articles were donated and collected. The co-operation of the I.O.D.E. in arranging for shipping was appreciated.

1941

Mrs. C. H. J. Burrows was again elected President.

New affiliations were the Local Council of Girl Guides; the Sherwood Co-operative Women's Guild; Pythian Sisters, No. 5; Regina Home Economics Association; League of Women Voters; Grace Haven Women's Auxiliary; Regina Women Teachers' Association. The L.C.W. was represented on the Council of the Federation of Home and School Clubs.

In May, the President had the honor of acting as official hostess to Their Excellencies the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice on the occasion of their visit to Regina.

An event of unusual interest, arranged by the National Committee for Refugees, was the exhibition of dolls belonging to Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. This was held at a city store with members of the L.C.W. in attendance. The sum of \$1,078.73 was realized.

Council was thanked for help given by members in a city-wide canvass to promote the sale of war savings certificates. Support was given to the dime-a-week project sponsored by Mrs. McNab to raise funds for the purchase of mobile kitchens for England. Members helped with the collection of clothing for Russian relief. Assistance was given to promote the first Victory Loan and the President was appointed a member of Regina Citizens' War Economy Board.

Mrs. Burrows attended the meeting of National Council held at Winnipeg and gave a very comprehensive report at the September meeting.

The main work of the year was the raising of funds and making of comfortable garments for the British Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service. A total of \$2,505.81 was received by means of a tag day, donations, and receipts of a play presented by Mrs. Burgess. Yarn was purchased and many knitted articles made and one hundred personal property bags were filled and forwarded as a special Christmas gift.

A successful tea and house-warming was arranged for the opening of new quarters for Handicraft Centre and the money raised was donated for further equipment to encourage children to use their play time in the learning of art, music, drama and handicrafts.

A special sewing committee was formed to make over clothing for the babies at the Welfare and an open house reception was arranged so that citizens might become acquainted with the institution.

The Economics convener reported nutrition classes held at centres throughout the city dealing with fish, meat, fruit, poultry, dairy products, cereals, etc., and budgeting for and planning meals. The committee sponsored broadcasts on seasonable fruits and vegetables. Local housing conditions were studied.

Citizenship Committee sponsored an essay contest in the schools on "How I Can Best Help Canada's War Effort", attended naturalization ceremonies at the Court House and meetings of the City Council and formed a group to study taxation in its varied forms. For the Cinema, Printed Matter and Radio Committee, Mrs. Burgess called attention to growing interest in visual education in the schools and use of radio in adult education. The committee continued its inspection of printed matter displayed on news stands.

The Laws Committee studied the Sirois Report and council endorsed a resolution asking that provision be made to allow a married woman to have the choice of remaining a British subject even though married to an alien. Mrs. Roy Campbell reported study of Prairie Farmers' Rehabilitation Act, Prairie Farmers' Assistance Act and Unemployment Insurance Act. The Education Committee discussed youth training, vocational guidance, the education of the afflicted, audio-visual education, religious education and new school curriculum. The Mental Hygiene Committee made a special study of child psychology.

The December meeting was in the form of a Christmas programme. The annual banquet was held following the annual meeting and members were delighted to meet Miss Winnifred Kydd and hear an address on "The Women of 1942."

For the third consecutive year Mrs. Burrows was the choice of the Council to occupy the presidential chair. Congratulations were extended to the L.C.W. of Moose Jaw on the occasion of their silver anniversary.

Mrs. Cruickshank retired as President of Provincial Council after three years in office. In her closing address, Mrs. Cruickshank stressed the importance of the immediate task of winning the war and responsibilities of women to that end.

Miss Violet Dethridge addressed the April meeting on the work of the A.R.P. in Regina and throughout the Empire. Mrs. Cruickshank was named representative of Council on Civil Defence Committee. Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Walker and Miss Turnbull were named a special committee to assist the National War Finance Committee, Saskatchewan Division, and Mrs. Ross appointed chairman of Regina women's section. The Y.W.C.A. opened a rooms registry. Ration cards and substitutes for tea, coffee, butter and sugar were matters given much attention. Objectives of the Women's Total War Organization were outlined by Mrs. Walker and approved by Council. Mrs. Burrows was named chairman of the advisory committee, Saskatchewan division of the W.P.T. Board. Salvage pickup was organized so that fats, paper, metals, etc., could be used for war purposes.

The work in aid of British Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service continued under Mrs. Burrows' leadership. Money was raised by tag day and donations as in the previous year and many hundreds of knitted articles of clothing, quilts, etc., were made and forwarded to England.

The President was delegated to attend the annual meeting of National Council at Montreal and made a full report at September meeting of Council.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Thacker thanked members of Council for their efforts in getting citizens to the polls on election day and congratulated Council on the success of their nominees, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Gale, as Alderman and member of the Public School Board, respectively.

There was an increase in the number of babies at the Welfare and more families than usual received milk tickets from the Milk Fund Committee.

The Recreation Committee adopted as its special war work, women in uniform, resident in and passing through the city.

Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Archivist, brought her summary of Council activities up to the year 1940, and in recognition of her many years of service to the Council in various capacities Mrs. Cameron was presented with a life membership certificate and pin. Mrs. W. A. Beatty, Provincial Council President, Swift Current, was a special guest at the annual banquet and the year was brought to a close with a very fine address on "Conflict of Ideas" by Flight Lieutenant Dodson of Toronto.

Mrs. C. W. Ross was elected President at the annual meeting of January, 1943.

At the first meeting of the year Mrs. J. Hargreaves gave a splendid talk on the subject, "Vocational Guidance", and Council passed a resolution requesting "the Collegiate Board to engage the services of a director of vocational guidance to co-ordinate the work now being done in elementary and high schools and to lay the foundation for a thorough program of vocational guidance in our schools".

Miss Hessel reported that she had consulted with directors of the Hostess Club to ascertain the home and hospitality services available for the seven hundred women in uniforms of the services in Regina, also recommended that a National Council of Physical Fitness Committee be set up.

Council arranged a public lecture by Miss Jean Hinds, radio commentator, of Winnipeg, in aid of the Comforts Fund and held a reception for her at the home of Mrs. C. C. Williams.

Mrs. E. G. W. Bell, convener of Arts and Letters Committee, reported programme of studies relating to art, literature and drama of countries prominent in world news; the sponsoring of exhibitions of paintings; appointing a sub-committee to act in assisting libraries, and that a beginning had been made to establish a Canadiana shelf at Regina College so that historic books and documents might be preserved and made available for research workers. A one-man show of paintings of Ilingworth Kerr had been arranged and one of the pictures bought by committee. Mrs. Harvey Campbell, Mrs. Margaret Complin, Mrs. Mary Weekes and Mrs. Edwin Sneath had been complimented on publication of their writings.

"The Contribution of War Refugees to Canadian Life" was the subject of an address by Miss Hayward at the March meeting, and in May, Miss Nora Lee of Ottawa spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency in Wartime" and stressed the need for vocational guidance and constructive recreation.

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Thacker were appointed to represent L.C.W. on a Co-ordinating Committee on Reconstruction and Rehabilitation set up by Mayor C. C. Williams. Council asked Mrs. Ross to attend the annual meeting of National Council at Toronto.

During the summer Mrs. Ross was made chairman of Women's National War Finance Committee of Regina, and on one occasion Mrs. Ross broadcast over CBC on the work of Regina L.C.W.

Mrs. Ashley Walker was named chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services. Mrs. Croome was asked to represent L.C.W. on the Council of Social Agencies.

Under Mrs. Cowlie's leadership a special committee undertook the work of registration and listing of voters for civic elections and earned a substantial sum for Council expenses.

By resolution, Council urged the appointment of Mrs. Grace Hodgins as Acting City Clerk.

A survey of the work of Regina L.C.W. was prepared by Mrs. Cameron and forwarded to be included in National Council's golden anniversary report.

At the September meeting four uniformed officers of His Majesty's forces, Captain St. Laurent, Captain Baker (C.W.A.C.), Sub-Lieutenant Kidder (Wrens) and Section Officer McPherson (R.C.A.F., W.D.), addressed members of Council in the interests of recruited and recruiting women. Council passed resolutions supporting recruiting of women in all branches of the forces and pledging members to avoid waste and unnecessary spending.

The full executive, with leaders of affiliated and associated organizations held a round table conference with Provincial Council President, Mrs. Beatty, to discuss employment, social security, nutrition, housing, vocational classes, household science and household services, the family allowance plan and the position of women in a post-war world. Miss Turnbull made a full report of this conference to Council, and affiliated societies were urged to make recommendations to Council of ideas and formulated policies.

Mrs. Cruickshank was congratulated on her appointment to the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Council set up by the government.

Council supported and endorsed a petition to the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Council to have an art gallery and college of art included in post-war planning.

The Economics Committee reported the workings of Wartime Prices and Trade Board, housing, post-war planning, preservation of civil liberties, the Beveridge Plan, the Marsh Report and Co-operatives had been subjects under review.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that fees for resident students in Regina colleges had been abolished. Council approved resolutions asking that teachers' salaries be raised, that the age for leaving school be raised to sixteen years and that a director of vocational guidance be appointed.

Mrs. Thacker prepared a lengthy report of a reconstruction conference dealing with "The Four Freedoms", "The Atlantic Charter", opportunities for everyone to work, national health, family welfare, immigration, housing, economic planning and education.

The Finance convener was authorized to interview women regarding life memberships in National Council as contributions to the Foundation Fund. One hundred members contributed one dollar each; a donation to the Foundation Fund. Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Mrs. J. W. Hannon and Miss Isobel Willoughby each became a National life member.

Many hours were spent by members of council in distributing canning sugar coupons and ration books; in preparing voters' lists and helping with civic elections. Two broadcasts were made in support of the Community Chest drive and two for the Victory Loan campaign. Members continued to make articles to be sent overseas.

Mrs. Russell Clark and Mrs. R. H. Milliken were congratulated on their success at the polls. Mrs. Laura Hardy, National Council President, was congratulated on receiving the Order of Commander of the British Empire.

Never before was so much expected of Council women--officers and members. In addition to regular meetings on committee activities, war work must be continued and careful post-war planning attended to. Mrs. Ross stressed the importance of housing, education and social welfare.

Regina L.C.W. had the pleasure of entertaining the Provincial Council in April. After two days of well-attended sessions for reports and discussion, delegates were entertained by Mrs. McNab at Government House at tea time and Regina Council tendered a banquet in the evening.

A very complete brief covering the work of the L.C.W. was prepared by Mrs. Thacker, approved by Council and presented at a public hearing of the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Council.

The February meeting took the form of a panel discussion regarding China. Fifteen members took part and a film entitled "Inside Fighting China" was shown to a large audience.

Council endorsed a brief protesting discrimination against women being discharged from the services and asking for equal consideration for men and women employed in the post-war world.

Council condemned the popular soap dramas currently being broadcast over CBC.

Mrs. Burrows was called to Ottawa to attend a conference of divisional chairmen of advisory boards of the consumers' branch, W.P.T.B.

Mrs. Ross was appointed by the Mayor to the Civic Soviet Friendship Committee.

Council forwarded a resolution to the City Council asking that the grounds adjacent to the new military wing of the city hospital be beautified for the use of convalescent patients.

Miss Hessell was asked to attend a meeting called by the Mayor to discuss a Youth Recreation Centre. Council approved a plan for a recreation centre.

Mrs. Hanway prepared a survey of recent amendments to legislation affecting women.

Report of Mrs. R. F. McWilliams and her committee on post-war problems of women was studied by several L.C.W. groups. The Education and Trades and Professions Committees recommended agricultural schools for women as well as men, the training of physical education leaders, librarians, community leaders, social service workers and vocational counselors.

A substantial sum was again earned by women of Council by preparing voters' lists. Other members spent much time helping the distribution of ration books. A successful tea was held in October.

Mrs. Mildred Gale and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman were congratulated on their success at the polls.

The secretary of the Collegiate Board informed Council that some assistance was being given to teachers in the matter of vocational guidance and the government director of guidance and public relations addressed Council and informed members of plans of his department regarding provision of books on the subject of vocational guidance for use of students and teachers of the province.

Council passed a resolution urging that women be appointed to all committees for post-war planning.

Mrs. Clifford Grant was the guest speaker at the annual banquet. Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mrs. Lorne Johnson, Mrs. Douglas J. Thom, Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mrs. A. H. Singleton and Mrs. C. W. Ross became life members of National Council.

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR, 1945

With a view to making 1945 an outstanding year in Local Council, Mrs. C. W. Ross, President, asked the members to endeavor to bring the number of affiliated societies up from thirty-five to fifty, to complete its contribution to the Foundation Fund and to appropriately commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year by publishing a fifty-year history of Council's activities.

A special appeal was made for donations to carry on the social service work of the Council and the results were most gratifying.

The Women's Voluntary Services appealed to Council for workers and members registered as part-time helpers.

A reception was arranged by members of the executive in honor of Mrs. Ashley M. Walker in recognition of her sixteen years of public service. A life membership in the Local Council of Women and a gift were presented to Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. G. H. Barr, Archivist, was asked to complete the fifty-year history of Regina L.C.W.

Mrs. G. C. Rooke was named Chairman, with members of the Arts and Letters Committee, to prepare a suitable programme to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary on October 15, 1945. At writing, plans are well under way for an interesting programme depicting scenes from early Local Council meetings.

Council was pleased to learn of the appointment of Mrs. J. E. Cooper to the Provincial Labor Relations Board. A letter of appreciation for contributions forwarded was received from the British Women's Auxiliary, Territorial Service.

Council recommended that better arrangements should be made to welcome returning men and women in the services.

Council called the attention of City Council to the need of fire escapes at the Babies' Welfare.

A resolution was passed favoring the appointment of women as regional directors of family allowances.

There were joint meetings of the National Recreation, Education, Child and Family Welfare, Public Health and Mental Hygiene Committees to discuss physical fitness and recreation programs.

A request was made for help of Council to carry on the national V.D. control programme and a resolution was passed asking that the Saskatchewan government make compulsory pre-marital and pre-natal blood tests.

Council approved a resolution asking for protection under the Minimum Wage Act regarding back salaries of employees.

The Public Health Committee recommended better regulations for public swimming pools. Council deplored the state of disrepair of the Industrial Home for Boys.

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. O'Brien were appointed to represent Council on the Regina Auxiliary War Services Committee, and members of Council were privileged to attend a Saskatchewan Education Conference. Mrs. Koester was asked to represent the L.C.W. on the central executive of Home and School Clubs.

Under Mrs. Davidson's direction, a university course on marriage and family life was studied.

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Boland were appointed to the Community Chest Committee, and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Mutchler and Mrs. Fyffe to the Community Welfare Council of Regina.

Mrs. Ross attended the annual meeting of National Council at Sackville, N.B., and Council was delighted to hear of her election as vice-president of the National organization.

At the April meeting Mrs. Ross voiced the regrets of Council at the death of President Roosevelt and members stood in silent prayer for the success of the San Francisco United Nations Conference. The Eighth Canadian Victory Loan was supported.

Mrs. Daisy Cooke was congratulated on winning the award of the Regina Art Centre Association for her sonnet, "My Son, My Son", and Mrs. Complin was mentioned as having received an "honorable mention" for her entry in the same contest.

The League of Nations Committee studied the findings of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference and relation of Canada to International Air Lines. U.N.R.R.A. was explained and a film shown at a regular meeting.

Mrs. Clark recommended consideration of pensions with medical care for war widows. Council recommended the "Citizens' Forum" radio programme.

Moose Jaw Council presented Regina Council with an inscribed gavel for the latter's fiftieth anniversary at the Provincial Council Meeting.

Miss Ruth McGill reported for the League of Women Voters and stated that all nominees of the League for public offices during five years had been elected.

The Arts and Letters Committee collaborated with the Department of Fine Arts of the University at Regina College and made a special effort to take care of an exhibition of art work of Regina school children. Miss Elsie Dorsey, Art Supervisor, and Mrs. Laura Lamont, Artist, were congratulated for painstaking work of mounting and hanging the three thousand exhibits, and seven thousand Regina children were delighted to attend in supervised groups to view their own handiwork.

The May meeting was opened by the President with the following words: "We meet today under happier world circumstances than we have had for almost six years. Let us rise in silent prayer for a lasting peace." As these chronicles are being written, reports are coming over the radio of the unconditional surrender of Japan to the United Nations. There will be cause for rejoicing when Council meets to celebrate its fiftieth birthday.

The routine work of Council will continue. The Corresponding Secretary will send out hundreds of letters each year to carry on co-operation with affiliated societies, Provincial and National Councils, and promoting the many special projects of interest to the Local Council as a whole. The Recording Secretary will keep a careful and full record of all Council activities. The Treasurer will report in detail every cent entrusted to her care, keep account of special funds and make a concise audited statement for each annual meeting, as has always been done. It is around this hub of capable officers, with the President and Vice-Presidents, and the conveners of standing committees, that the many-spoked wheels of interest revolve.

Health education (practical and cultural), social welfare (physical and moral), standards of living (employment, housing and nutrition), libraries and recreational facilities, and development of natural resources (human and material) will continue to be of concern to committees especially appointed for each purpose. Rights of women have given place to responsibilities for women and there should be no conflict of effort on the basis of sex. The half million women who have left homes, farms and employment of all sorts to further all branches of Canada's war effort should not need to be protected against discriminating treatment. The Council of Women will regard, as it has done in the past, as its first trust the preservation of the home and the sanctity of family life, with provision for the health, education and equal opportunity of every individual.

Council of 1945 may well hold its head high in pride of worthy effort and achievement. The alert and capable members of today realize that such a record and tradition impose a trust upon them that the structure of tomorrow may be worthy of the foundation of yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. Barr,
Archivist.

Officers, 1945

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CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE: Mrs. Russell Clark.

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ECONOMICS: Mrs. Roy Campbell.

EDUCATION: Mrs. C. H. Koester.

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MISS CANADA: Mrs. J. H. Sneddon.

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Alexandra Club, Alumnae Association, Grey Nuns' Hospital; American Women's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Canadian Daughters' League, Carmichael Church Ladies' Aid, First Baptist Church Women's Association, Grace Haven Auxiliary, Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Association, Hadassah Organization of Canada, I.O.D.E., Municipal Chapter, Knox Church Federation, Lady Patronesses, Grey Nuns' Hospital; L.O.B.A., Garner Lodge, Metropolitan Church Women's Association, Orpheus Club, Regina Homemakers' Club, Regina Home Economics, Regina Local Association, Girl Guides; Regina Local Hair-dressers' Association, Regina League of Women Voters, Regina Registered

Nurses' Association, Regina Women Teachers' Association, St. Andrew's United Church Federation, Sherwood Co-operative Women's Guild, University Women's Club, Victorian Order of Nurses, Ukrainian Women's Association, West End W.C.T.U., North Side W.C.T.U., Westminster Church Women's Federation, General Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Women's Conservative Association, Women's Musical Club, Y.W.C.A. Board, Scandinavian Ladies' Auxiliary, Empire Rebekah Lodge No. 43, I.O.O.F., Loan Inspectors' Wives, Ladies' Auxiliary, Wa Wa Shrine Temple; Order of Royal Purple, Regina Lodge No. 4; Sixth Avenue United Church Ladies' Aid, Soroptimist Club of Regina, Regina Nursing Division No. 10 St. John's Ambulance Association.

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FOREWORD

The year 1955 is one of double Jubilee: the Golden Jubilee of the Province of Saskatchewan; the Diamond Jubilee of the Regina Council of Women (formerly the Regina Local Council of Women). Great celebrations are being undertaken by the Province, by many local communities and by many organizations. In keeping with this spirit of Jubilee it was decided that the history of Council be brought up-to-date. Mrs. Ella Davis, Council Archivist, was appointed to do the necessary research and to write the history. To this task she has given many hours of labor. To Mrs. Davis our grateful thanks.

Gertrude (Mrs. J. M.) Telford,

President.

1945

It seems fitting that our Diamond Jubilee History should open with a brief account of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee, held in Hotel Saskatchewan Monday, October 13, 1945. We are indebted to the Leader-Post for the following information:

"The celebration in which about 250 took part started off with a dinner and then came music, speeches and clever skits. Mrs. C. W. Ross presided and offered a cheery welcome to the company . . .

"A score or more of those on the program went to town in the matter of costumes made in Victorian years of heavy laces and brocades . . . Mrs. Irene M. Rooke was writer and producer of the humorous sketches which brought old events back to memory in graphic style."

Mrs. George M. Barr as Lady Aberdeen, Mrs. Henry L. Gale, exquisite in an impersonation of Madame Forget, and Miss Harriet E. Turnbull as Albert, King of the Belgians drew special applause.

Mrs. Mary Allen of Moose Jaw gave an address about the origin of Councils of Women.

To honor the Golden Jubilee the Local Council of Women, Moose Jaw, sent a gift of a handsome gavel. Saskatoon sent a much-needed filing cabinet for the secretary.

With the end of the Second Great War some forms of council activity were discontinued. There was great need for help in the care of displaced persons and in the providing of food for the underfed populations of the war-disrupted countries of Europe. This work has continued in a lessening degree to the present time.

The lighter side of life had its place in Council work, as witnessed by the jolly Hallowe'en party at the home of the Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. T. C. Douglas, for members of the sub-executive.

The closing session of Mrs. C. W. Ross' term as president was marked by an important resolution to Regina City Council: namely, that women be appointed to serve on the Board of Regina General Hospital. The city aldermen viewed our resolution favorably and since that day the Regina General Hospital Board has always included women.

1946

Mrs. J. E. Cooper was elected to the presidency. She is the daughter of a former president of Council, Mrs. H. L. Lovering.

In her opening address as president, Mrs. Cooper stressed the need of raising our own standards of health and education as well as of helping to provide for the hungry people of Europe. Miss Irene Moore, guest speaker of the evening, gave a most interesting address on Northern Canada.

In February, 1946, a Resolution was forwarded to Provincial Council opposing those persons and organizations who sought to restrict the employment of married women in paid occupations, maintaining that any such restriction was nothing short of denial of certain rights of citizenship, and urging that there be no discrimination because of age or marital status.

The post-war movement to deport Japanese, some of whom had been in long residence and others born in Canada, was protested by Council in conjunction with other societies and persons. The protest was not effective. Deportation by the Federal authorities continued.

At the request of Council, The Canadian Pacific Railway appointed a woman attendant for the station rest room in Regina.

Seventeen members of Council undertook the enumeration of voters before the civic elections, and donated their earnings to Council. A sum of \$561.70 was realized, which was enough to tide Council over many tight spots for several succeeding years.

Miss Irene Moore, who was leaving Regina after serving as women's editor of The Regina Leader-Post for many years, was honored by Council with a reception in the Y.W.C.A., which was attended by 300 women. Miss Moore was presented with a typewriter and a purse of \$75.00.

The National Council president, Mrs. Edgar Hardy, was entertained at luncheon Friday, April 5. In addressing the guests, she said "We must prove that we can work together without distinction of race, creed or politics and that we are determined to strengthen our National Life. We must stand on common ground for the common good. And we must keep mutual good ahead of selfish interest if we would help achieve enduring peace."

Several guest speakers were heard during the year. Dr. Olive Russell, from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Ottawa, told of the need of rehabilitating former Canadian Service women. Captain Cowper-Smith reviewed the report of the Archambault Commission for penal reform, and pointed out that the present handling of prisoners in no way acted as a deterrent to crime. Dr. H. S. Mott, of the Juvenile and Family Court, Toronto, spoke at a public meeting sponsored by Council. In his address, he stressed the importance of establishing principles of right and wrong in the minds of children at an early age.

Council sponsored a tag day Saturday, July 13, which realized the sum of \$742.92 for the swimming pool fund.

An important resolution was addressed to city council requesting the appointment of a woman police officer for the city, but as the suggestion was not viewed with favor no such appointment was made. The need is still with us.

Another resolution presented to City Council is noted. This deals with a matter which again came up for consideration in 1954. In 1946 Council recommended to the Council of the City of Regina that "No person, society, or organization shall solicit contributions from the public by house-to-house canvasses until they have obtained a permit to do so". Another resolution

presented by the Education Committee urged that the training of teachers at Normal School should include training for special help to the handicapped child.

The Arts and Letters committee made an intensive study of modern trends in literature, ballet, music and other arts as compared with the arts of other times. This committee sponsored an exhibition of paintings by Regina artists.

All committees of Council were active and Council members were taking their share of responsibility in Provincial and National Councils. For instance, Mrs. C. W. Ross was a National Vice-President; Mrs. P. I. Thacker was National Convener of Natural Resources.

An all-day Conference of Local Council was held in the Y.W.C.A. October 15 for the purpose of re-evaluating welfare needs, recreation, health, citizenship, etc.

A questionnaire was circulated by Council among the Affiliated Societies regarding suggestions for new projects. Their interest in human welfare is reflected in the three principal suggestions: (1) A Home for elderly women on pension; (2) Children attending school from tourist camps poorly clad; (3) Care of unemployable women.

Arrangements were made for the merger of the Babies' Welfare with the Children's Aid Society, to take effect January 1, 1947. Babies' Welfare was a city institution established in 1913 and carried on under a committee of ladies appointed by the Local Council of Women. Mrs. Ross and her committee had an inventory taken, and at her suggestion the history of the Babies' Welfare was placed in the Archives.

1947

Mrs. Cooper was re-elected president.

Dr. Hilda Neatby was guest speaker at the annual dinner, and in her talk dealt with the importance of that area of the world known as the "Middle East", due to its strategic position and vast oil resources.

The outstanding event of 1947 -- The National Council of Women met in Regina June 6-13. Part of the entertainment offered the delegates was "A Musical Journey Across Canada" prepared by Mrs. Russell Clark and the President, Mrs. J. E. Cooper. This was staged by a number of Regina ladies. The delegates greatly appreciated this original and highly entertaining production. Delegates were entertained at a Banquet June 10, the special speaker being Dr. S. R. Laycock, University of Saskatchewan, who chose as his subject "A Modern Penal System in Canada".

At the January meeting Miss Calais Calvert, C.B.C. director of women's programmes for prairie regions, was special speaker. Two outstanding films which had won honors at the Manitoba film festival were shown. Miss Calvert stated that Canadian films were now being shown in 77 countries.

Mrs. Beatrice Trew, M.L.A., was another guest speaker, her subject being "Undesirable Literature". She thought comic books the worst offenders and urged the need of instilling good reading habits in children at an early age.

Miss Beth Smith of the Provincial Department of Public Health outlined the growth in this field of government service since the first public health nurse was appointed in 1911. She outlined the plan to divide the province into 14 health regions, four of which were functioning, the remainder to be staffed as soon as trained workers were available.

It was in this year, 1947, that Council decided to establish a fund for scholarship in either English or History for students of Regina College. The fund would be a memorial for the late Irene Moore, long a newswoman in Regina and a true friend of Council of Women. Contributions from affiliated societies and from many individuals who had known and respected Miss Moore were received and placed in the custody of Miss H. E. Turnbull, who took care of administrative details of the fund until it finally expired, after providing bursaries to the total of \$600.00.

Deeming it advisable to keep in touch with "New Canadians", it was decided that in future two or more members of Council should attend naturalization ceremonies.

Mrs. E. E. Thomson and the President prepared a comprehensive Brief on behalf of the Local Council of Women for presentation to the Board of Transport Commissioners. The Brief clearly demonstrated that the proposed increase in freight rates would give impetus to the mounting cost of living.

Many worthwhile projects were undertaken during the year. For example, the study as to the need for a home for elderly women of moderate income. After an exhaustive survey by a special committee it was found that there was no great need for a home for women in this group, that the real need was to be found among women in the low income group. It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being in view of the fact that the Salvation Army expressed willingness to operate such a home.

The laws committee, under Mrs. P. I. Thacker, reported their studies in the field of child welfare, including a study of juvenile courts and of penal reform.

1948

Mrs. J. E. Cooper was elected for her third and final year as president of the Local Council of Women.

In her opening address, Mrs. Cooper stressed the need for decent housing as the most important problem facing Canada. Poor housing is one of the major causes of juvenile delinquency.

Mrs. Mary Allen of Moose Jaw was the guest speaker at the annual dinner and told with a wealth of detail her impressions as delegate to the International Council of Women held at Philadelphia, U.S.A. She described happy meetings with women from various countries allied with us during the war, and described some of their sufferings under war conditions. She told of entertainment provided by women of different countries arrayed in their national costumes.

At the January meeting, Mrs. E. E. Thomson led a panel discussion on The Canadian Association of Consumers, pointing up the need for such an organization and the effect it could have in guiding women in their expenditure of the household dollar.

A collection of beadwork donated by the Arts and Letters Committee was presented to the provincial museum. Members of this committee are currently helping to establish a shelf of distinctly Canadian books in Regina College, and Mrs. Mary Weekes donated for this purpose a copy of "V.O.N. Nursing in Canada" signed by the author, John Murray Gibbon.

Members of Council were active in support of "The Canadian Save the Children Fund", addressing various gatherings, giving radio broadcasts, and canvassing.

The Irene Moore memorial fund awarded its first scholarship of \$100.00 for superior attainment in English literature to James Kelsey McConica of Regina.

Two important resolutions were introduced in 1948; one recommending that a new jail for women offenders be built at Prince Albert to remedy the undesirable practice of placing women offenders in a wing of the men's institution. The second recommended pasteurization of milk for all communities comprising more than one thousand persons.

In May of this year the first of a series of Spring Teas was held in the Y.W.C.A., and the net proceeds amounted to \$100.00. Prior to this Council had been in the habit of holding a Tea early each year to entertain Life Members, Presidents of Affiliated Societies and immediate past conveners.

During the year members heard many interesting addresses. Miss Norah McCullough spoke on the newly formed Saskatchewan Arts Board and of what it hoped to accomplish in the province. Mrs. Mary Weekes gave a talk on the construction of the novel. Miss Mildred Battel, Department of Social Welfare, spoke on welfare services in Saskatchewan, outlining phases of the work under "Child Care", "Adoptions" and "Family Welfare".

Mrs. J. M. Telford and members of her committee organized a panel discussion on the United Nations, stressing the activities of the various Agencies such as W.H.O. and F.A.O.

The Citizenship Committee recommended that the Federal Authorities give increased attention to bringing in a class of immigrants specially suited to the country's needs.

Provincial Council met in Regina October 20 and 21. A banquet in honor of out-of-town guests was held at the Kitchener Hotel and at the close of the final meeting on the 21st all were invited to the home of the Premier where Mrs. Douglas entertained at Tea.

Mrs. Russell Clark, active club woman and community worker, was honored at a reception in the Council Chamber following the May Meeting prior to her departure to take up residence in Winnipeg.

This year brought the retirement from the presidency of Mrs. Cooper and the election of Mrs. R. H. Milliken.

Mrs. Milliken had previously served the city of Regina for twelve years as a member of the Public School Board. She is now a vice-president of The National Council of Women and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Maurice Western, commentator on international affairs, addressed members and guests at the annual dinner. He deplored the police system that was clamping down on Eastern Europe and the effect it could have on science and education. He saw a ray of hope in the disagreement between Russia and Yugoslavia. He commended the policy of the West in regard to Germany and praised the moral leadership indicated in the Marshall Plan.

Upon request a copy of the Fifty year history of The Local Council of Women was provided for the Parliamentary Library at Ottawa.

Throughout the year Mrs. Milliken sought to bring Affiliated Societies into closer touch with Council and from time to time opportunity was given them to report on their work. To further this closer contact Council authorized the mimeographing of a monthly news letter to be written by the President and mailed to members of the Executive and to all Affiliated Societies.

On May 2 Council had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. R. J. Marshall, President of The National Council of Women, and of entertaining her at luncheon in Knox United Church.

Mrs. M. A. McKinnon and Mrs. J. C. Matheson were active in the Basic English Classes held for New Canadians in the Y.W.C.A.

On the suggestion of the Child and Family Welfare Committee, Council placed on record their commendation of a statement made by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to the Mothers' Union of London, England, in which she stressed the necessity of permanence in marriage.

The lack of stories about Canadian heroes in Canadian public school text books was brought to the attention of Council and members checked through the Saskatchewan school books but found no cause for complaint.

Mrs. M. A. McKinnon arranged a panel discussion by members drawn from Affiliated Societies on the subject of citizenship the findings being that all women's organizations should play an active part in the development of young Canadians.

Council had the pleasure of hearing a number of speakers. Miss Elsie Dorsey, Supervisor of Art, Regina Public Schools, took as her topic "Art and Personality". Mr. George W. Robertson, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, reported on "The International Wheat Agreement". Miss Marjorie Dunlop, Chief Librarian, Regina Public Library, told of Library Services in Regina. Mr. L. McKay Robinson spoke at the year's final meeting on the question "Does Canada need a Bill of Rights?" His opinion was that the rights and liberties of Canadian citizens are not now sufficiently protected and that The British North America Act should be amended to include a Bill of Rights.

The Arts and Letters Committee continued to draw attention to exhibitions of paintings held in Regina, and the Committee on Radio and Printed Matter continued its campaign against the crime comic books. The Child and Family Welfare Committee studied causes and treatment of mental instability and reviewed problems of sex education.

The Brief that had been written by Mrs. E. E. Thomson and Mrs. Cooper and presented to the Royal Commission on Freight Rates was brought up to date and again presented.

A Brief prepared by the President, Mrs. R. H. Milliken, and the Economics Committee was presented to the Milk Control Board set up under the Provincial Department of Agriculture. In this Brief it was urged that the price of milk to the consumer should not be increased, milk being the most perfect food and many low-income families being unable to pay a higher price. Alternative solutions were suggested: that the Regina Milk Shed be increased in size--that a universal bottle be used--that the price of the bottle be increased--that the number of deliveries be reduced. It is interesting to note that practically all of these suggestions have been implemented since 1949.

The Irene Moore Scholarship, as reported by Miss H. E. Turnbull, was this year divided between two students in Regina College, for proficiency in English. They were Miss Beryl Stone and Miss Pauline Dell, and each received \$50.00.

1950

Mrs. R. H. Milliken was re-elected president.

The annual dinner was enlivened by the singing of humorous parodies, led by Mrs. J. E. Cooper. Mr. F. W. Steinson, Psychologist, Moose Jaw Normal School, was after-dinner speaker. He was of the opinion that women should train their daughters to be citizens as well as homemakers. They should shoulder community as well as domestic responsibility. Another speaker on the same occasion was Miss Muriel Wright, public relations councillor for the National Council of Women. She told of work done in conducting a survey of women's public and business activities in Canada.

In April there were disastrous floods in Winnipeg. Many hundreds of evacuees were brought to Regina. Council women assisted in caring for these unfortunates.

A panel led by Mrs. J. M. Telford, Convener of the United Nations Committee, discussed the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The development of the monetary system was traced from the clumsy tribal system of direct barter to modern methods of banking and International exchange. The panel commended the setting up of a special fund for aiding the development of under-privileged countries.

At the March meeting Mr. H. Janzen, Director of Curricula, Department of Education, spoke on the need for broader curricula for our schools. The modern need was for educational guidance in ideals as well as in knowledge. Teachers should never lose sight of the worth and dignity of every individual child.

In April Miss Gertrude Gerlack, home economist employed by the Dominion Government, spoke on the theme, "Food is Everybody's Business". She called attention to neatly packaged foods conveniently arriving in our kitchens, but reminded members that food purchased in bulk and prepared in the home was still more economical.

Mr. Carnet Menzies, Mayor of Regina, gave an outline on Regina's water supply. He stated that water available in the present usable fields was strictly limited and could not be relied upon for the expected population expansion of this city. It would soon be necessary to extend our pipe lines to the Saskatchewan River.

Mr. David Smith, Director of Adult Education, was present on United Nations Day, October 24, and drew attention to the United Nations flag at that moment flying over our heads as we met together in the Council Chamber of City Hall. He expressed the need of our continued and sincere support of this great world body.

Mrs. R. J. Tanner, Toronto, secretary of "The Canadian Save the Children Fund", drew for us a grim picture of the privations of the world's children.

The Irene Moore scholarship fund was again awarded for first year proficiency in English at Regina College, and was again divided between two students, Miss Geraldine Doherty of Regina, and Mr. Lee Glenn Morrison of Robsart, Saskatchewan, each receiving \$50.00.

It was during this year, 1950, that a change of name was decided upon. The Regina Local Council of Women became The Regina Council of Women. The number of standing committees was reduced. The Sub-Executive became one of the nominating bodies in place of the full Executive.

In a press statement, Mrs. R. H. Milliken said--"We have inherited a worthy past and our responsibility is correspondingly great. On every hand fresh opportunities of service present themselves and the call to action is clear and strong. We are reminded of the many wrongs still to be righted, the children to be safe-guarded and the liberties to be defended. To each comes the demand for further service. We have not all the same talents but we each have something to contribute".

1951

The president, Mrs. R. H. Milliken, and most of the other officers were elected by acclamation.

For the first time in many years the annual meeting was moved from the City Hall. This was done because of the problem of securing a caterer in the central area. Knox United Church, Twelfth and Lorne, kindly opened their doors to Council, and one of the circles of Lakeview United Church served a sumptuous dinner in the lower hall.

Dr. Florence Kirk, who had spent eighteen years in China, spoke in the Church Auditorium following the banquet. The title of her talk was "A Changing China". She told of the complicated structure of Chinese society, founded as it is on 'the family system'. In her opinion, the population of China was not sufficiently educated to be ready for a democratic political system.

The president reported that there were 45 Affiliated Societies in The Regina Council of Women.

Mrs. Thacker was presented with a bouquet of golden carnations as a token of appreciation for her long years of effective work in Council. (On January 30, 1951, Rev. P. I. Thacker and Mrs. Thacker celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.)

It was decided to award the Irene Moore scholarship for excellence in history. The scholarship of \$100.00 was won by Miss Evelyn Townsend of Regina.

The Constitution was amended, reducing the term during which an office might be held from three years to two.

During the year a number of guest speakers were heard at Council meetings. Mr. T. W. Hunt, principal of Central Collegiate, stated that problem parents were often responsible for problem children. He had found most teen-agers studious and well-behaved, only the odd pupil was troublesome, although a few were, he thought, over-interested in sports and in other outside activities to the detriment of their education.

Mr. E. F. Holliday, supervisor of visual education for the province, told of a visit he had made to The Arthur Rank studios in England. Mrs. A. D. Brass, a direct descendant of one of the Indian Chiefs who signed the Charter, gave a most interesting talk on "Liquor among the Indians". J. T. Cawley told of his experiences with an American Construction Company in the oil industry in Iran.

A successful spring tea was held with the president, Mrs. Milliken, acting as hostess in her own home.

Reports from affiliated societies as well as reports from standing committees were given at meetings. The Alexandra Club told of their work among children, providing gifts for Embury House and the hospitals at Christmas. Another feature of their work is reading stories and playing records for children in the local hospitals. The Ukrainian women reported on their efforts to keep alive their native arts while endeavoring to be good citizens of Canada. Church societies told of their charitable activities.

A resolution sponsored by the Arts and Letters Committee was adopted. This was a protest to City Council and to the Department of Highways against routing No. 1 trans-Canada highway along Victoria Avenue or College Avenue as was suggested, there being numerous schools on College Avenue, while Victoria is our only tree-grown boulevarded street. Victoria would be mutilated, its beauty destroyed by the proposed changes.

1952

Mrs. J. R. Hoag was elected president. By this time the work of aiding distressed populations had lessened and Council work turned more toward our local and national affairs.

Following the annual meeting in First Baptist Church, Kate Aitken, radio commentator, spoke of her travels from country to country, mostly by air. She told of an interesting, though less comfortable, journey taken to visit the great iron development project in Ungava.

At the first regular meeting of the year, tribute was paid to the memory of His late Majesty King George the Sixth, whose death on February 6 had cast a pall of gloom over the Commonwealth and the Empire.

Mrs. H. L. King gave a brief account of the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses. She stated that more than one million visits had been paid to the sick in Canadian homes during the past year. A film stressing public health and the prevention of illness was shown.

In March an interesting film explaining the development and uses of nylon was shown with commentary by Miss Nancy Raddick of Canadian Industries Ltd.

Mr. Neil Agnew, Research Psychologist with the Department of Public Health, spoke of work in The Provincial Hospital at Weyburn. He said that visitors from outside had a good effect on the morale of patients, and that interested persons were needed to help discharged mental patients in becoming adjusted to the world again.

Mr. Failendra Chakarvoty, a geologist from India employed by the Department of Natural Resources, showed pictures of India and later answered questions about his own country.

Mrs. H. B. S. DeGroot told of the school for retarded children which she conducts with the aid of two assistants. She pointed out how greatly these children need special training if they are to develop their limited abilities.

Council went on record as opposing any sort of relaxation of The Lord's Day Act.

The Irene Moore Memorial Scholarship was won by William Bond Killam of Regina.

Among very active committees was the Mental Health Committee. Miss Bernard advocated the building of a Home for ailing aged citizens who were occupying much space in hospitals where the type of care given was not suited to their particular needs. This Committee arranged transportation for visitors to patients in the Weyburn Mental Hospital at regular intervals throughout the year.

Council again assisted in the T.B. survey conducted by the Anti-Tuberculosis League.

Provincial Council met in Regina April 24. A luncheon given by the Board of Trade for 50 guests was arranged at the Hotel Saskatchewan.

A special Committee met with City and Government officials in regard to the re-routing of the Trans-Canada Highway. In their meeting with the Minister of Highways they were assured that a new route already surveyed, by-passing the City, would be built as soon as possible.

The annual spring tea was a great success. It was held in the newly renovated Elk's Hall on Scarth Street. Net proceeds amounted to \$214.45.

Council assisted in purchasing a complete electrical kitchen for Lady Alexander, wife of the Governor-General, whose term of office in Canada was about to expire.

1953

Mrs. J. R. Hoag was elected for her second term as president.

Mrs. Nancy Adams, a member of the Royal Commission on Agriculture and Rural Life, guest speaker at the annual banquet, told of the work of the commission. The better roads and modes of transportation of these days, combined with highly mechanized farming, made it unnecessary for farmers to spend their lives upon the land. Consequently, many farm operators moved to the towns and farmed from a distance. This was not necessarily a bad change, but the social factors involved had not as yet been completely adjusted.

Collection amounting to \$52.85 was given to the Lady Aberdeen Memorial Fund.

The revised Constitution was presented by Mrs. C. W. Ross and adopted.

During the year the president, Mrs. Hoag, along with three other Council members, was invited to go to Ottawa to take a course in civil defence designed to aid in the care of civilians in the event of total war. Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. C. W. Ross, Mrs. J. A. McLean, were awarded diplomas at the conclusion of their studies by the Federal College of Civil Defence.

Miss Maud Laidman reorganized the archives. A large filing cabinet was given Council by the Department of Public Works. The Council Archives will continue to be kept in the Archives Division of the Legislative Library.

A committee headed by Mrs. Hoag attended the sittings of the Board of Transport Commissioners. They pointed out to the Board that Trans-Canada Highway would cross three Railway lines at level crossings in the eastern section of the city, and asked that consideration be given to consolidating these three lines in one.

Council suggested that it would be advantageous to have uniform time throughout the province.

Mrs. A. Turner-Bone, the National Council president, visited the city in May and was entertained at luncheon in Knox-Metropolitan Church. In her address Mrs. Turner-Bone said "while the men are busy developing Canada's great natural resources, the women of the country must build its spiritual defenses". She thought this might be done by such methods as supporting the churches looking after the education and recreation of children, strengthening family life by agitating for adequate housing, by welcoming newcomers to the country and trying to make them feel at home.

The Irene Moore Scholarship was awarded to a Regina girl, Miss Marcia Goldie. Miss Turnbull, custodian of the fund, announced that it was now completely expended.

Mr. D. E. Chalmers, supervisor of housing and nursing homes for the provincial government, explained what had been accomplished and what was being planned in this field.

Mayor Garnet Menzies reported on his visit to the United Nations Centre. He told of the wonderful new building of modern design, and described its setting in the city of New York.

Negotiations with Regina College regarding the acceptance of certain paintings were brought to a satisfactory conclusion. These paintings, twenty-three in number, had been purchased by the Arts Committee over a period of years and had been donated through the Local Council to Regina College. As the College had not been in a position to hang these paintings they had been loaned to Regina Public Library, Lorne Street. At the conclusion of negotiations Council expressed sincere thanks to the Library for storing and insuring these works of art.

1954

Mrs. J. M. Telford became president.

The customary dinner was held at the close of the annual meeting. The speaker, The Very Reverend Dean N. S. Noel, called attention to woman's role in citizenship, stating that in these times it took real courage to be a good citizen. He remarked on the housing shortage and its adverse effect on family life, and complimented Council for spear-heading the present movement to have low-rental homes erected.

A central theme "Housing and the vital protection of the home" was chosen for the year, and all committees were asked to co-ordinate their studies around this theme. No special speakers were heard at Council meetings, all programs being prepared by the Standing Committees.

In connection with specific activities undertaken by Council, a workshop seminar was arranged by the Education Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ben Segall and held at Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, late in June. The three main topics for discussion were: 1. Subsidized Housing; 2. The Criminal Sexual Psychopath; 3. The consolidating of Health Drives. This Seminar was arranged with the help of Adult Education, and proved to be a delightful experience for all who attended.

On May 21 Mrs. J. R. Hoag, representing The Regina Council of Women, was invited by Regina City Council to present the brief prepared by herself and a special committee on the subject of Subsidized Housing, the intention being to persuade City Council to take advantage of the assistance offered by senior governments to municipal councils willing to launch such a building programme. The success of similar projects in other cities was cited in the brief. Rentals would be fixed at levels suitable to lower incomes and unsanitary premises now occupied would be vacated and condemned when more healthful accommodation was available. The cost of subsidized housing would be more than offset by savings in social welfare costs. The Council Chamber was well-filled by welfare workers, church leaders and a considerable number of other interested citizens when the brief was read and discussed. City Council referred the matter to the electors in the civic elections, and the proposed housing bylaw was lost by the narrow margin of thirty-three votes.

On the question of the Criminal Sexual Psychopath, a brief was prepared by Mrs. A. B. Grainger, Chairman of the Laws Committee, and Mrs. Telford. This was presented to the Royal Commission on Revision of the Criminal Code during their sittings in Regina September 7. The brief advocated that for the protection of society psychopaths should be detained in one central institution in Canada where they could be given suitable employment, as neither the jail nor the mental hospital is equipped to deal with such cases.

The Consolidating of Health Drives: This question had been up for discussion in Council in 1948 and again in 1950. The Seminar discussions resulted in a report, widely circulated, advocating the close co-operation of all organizations engaged in canvassing for funds for health projects with a view to eventual co-ordination.

Programs presented by the various Committees were highly successful.

A panel discussion, on the subject of day nurseries for the children of working mothers, was arranged by Mrs. E. E. Brockelbank, Convener of the Child and Family Welfare Committee, those taking part being local social workers, Miss Marjorie Bernard, Miss C. L. Gerrie and Miss Rose McCrank. All were agreed that the best arrangements that could be made by working mothers for their children's care were on the whole unsatisfactory. This committee was successful in influencing the Department of Social Welfare to have certain existing legislation proclaimed. Under this legislation, provision is made for the licensing and inspection of all day care centres for children.

The United Nations Committee presented a UNESCO play "To Live by Faith" at the October meeting. This play was repeated six times to various organizations in the city and in nearby towns.

Mrs. Allen of Moose Jaw reported delightfully on the National Convention which she had attended in Fredericton.

Mrs. C. T. Warren, Convener of Arts and Letters, launched a picture loan project. In November a combined exhibition and tea in the Legion Lounge was highly successful and gave impetus to the art movement in Regina. On the suggestion of this Committee, Council unavailingly requested the city to give bus service to Regina General Hospital, the Union Station, and to the cultural centre of the city--Darke Hall, McKenzie Art Gallery, and Regina College.

The Citizenship and Migration Committee were instrumental in having pocket-sized cards printed in Dutch and in German for distribution to immigrants. These cards were intended to serve as a small scale city directory advising newcomers where to turn for help and advice. Fifteen hundred were printed for Council by Western Printers, Halifax Street, free of charge.

Mrs. J. L. Bramham (Radio, Cinema and Printed Matter) led a panel discussion which found that the most effective method of securing better films and controlling the sale of obnoxious comics was through the stimulation of a rising code of morals.

The Finance Committee under Mrs. Morris Malt organized a successful Spring Tea in the new I.O.O.F. Hall. A nursery with films and dixie cups delighted the children. A novel feature was a very fine program provided by the Women's Musical Club, one of the Federated Organizations.

Mrs. J. M. Telford was re-elected president.

A very large crowd of members and friends attended the annual banquet, in Carmichael United Church Hall. This annual was for the first time in our history, televised. The special speaker was Mrs. J. E. Cooper, M.L.A., who related some of her amusing experiences as the only woman in the Saskatchewan Legislature. The influence of The Council of Women in the past had been brought to bear in many fields and Mrs. Cooper thought this influence should continue. Jubilee year might well mark outstanding achievements in the field of human relations.

This being Saskatchewan's fiftieth anniversary, and our own sixtieth year of organization, it was decided to build the year's program around the jubilee theme. Representatives of Federated Organizations were assigned to the various standing committees, and gave reports of their work in conjunction with the Committee programs provided for the monthly meetings of Council. One of the most interesting programs of 1955 was produced by Natural Resources and Industries featuring a paper by Mrs. L. McKay Robinson on pioneer development of Industries in Saskatchewan.

On Saturday, March 5, the Sub-Executive entertained the wives of the curlers who had come to take part in Macdonald's Brier playdowns. The Legislative Assembly graciously gave the use of the Library for the occasion. It was a delightful experience to meet the guests who had come from every province.

One of the most important activities of The Regina Council of Women is the administration of the "Milk Fund". This has been in operation a great many years, and is devoted to supplying milk to pre-school children of needy families in the city. The Regina Community Chest provides a large portion of the amount required, but in addition donations are received from Federated Organizations and from individuals. During the past ten years a total of nearly \$10,500.00 has been handled in this worthy work.

The Council of the City of Regina deserves our deepest gratitude for permitting us to hold our regular monthly meetings, as well as occasional special meetings, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, and for continued use of the mayor's outer office for the distribution of milk tickets. We appreciate to the fullest extent this hospitality from the civic authorities.

The onerous task of canvassing in connection with civic, health and welfare appeals falls heavily upon our members. They can always be relied upon to pull more than their own weight on behalf of any necessary project, knowing that in this labor virtue must be its own reward.

Thus another ten years of successful work draws to a close. During these years Council had endeavored to take full advantage of the newer techniques. For example the Committee on Radio, Cinema and Printed Matter did effective work in evaluating films and in arranging with the theatres for the showing of special films for children on Saturday mornings.

Radio Stations CKCK and CKRM deserve sincere thanks for the many hours of radio time they have placed at our disposal. In 1946-47 a series of seven weekly broadcasts were given dealing with such live topics as Price Control, Women in Public Life and Immigration.

In 1951 celebrating National Council week and the inauguration of Founder's Day a lengthy program was arranged by Mrs. Hoag touching the highlights of our own Council's work. In this program the President, Mrs. R. H. Milliken, took the leading part ably assisted by members of her Executive.

Many Committees have had opportunity over the radio stations for reviewing their work through addresses and panel discussions.

In 1954 Television opened a new channel of publicity. The President, Mrs. Telford and a number of conveners have been interviewed and as stated previously the 1955 annual banquet was televised.

Council is a living vital force in the community. The President is invited to serve on Boards and Committees too numerous to mention. Best of all, Council has drawn together in a strong bond of harmony and co-operation an outstanding body of Executive members and a widely representative group of Federated organizations.

Sixty years of progress!

May the future bring even greater opportunity and success!

Ella Davis
Archivist.

LIFE MEMBERS OF REGINA COUNCIL OF WOMEN 1945 - 1955

Mrs. G. H. Barr

Mrs. A. Boland

Mrs. A. M. Bothwell

Mrs. J. R. Hoag

Mrs. Lorne Johnson

Mrs. H. L. Lovering

Mrs. M. A. McKinnon

Miss Harriet E. Turnbull

Mrs. F. E. Wilkinson

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COMMEMORATING
SASKATCHEWAN'S 60th JUBILEE YEAR

1956

Resolutions were approved on fluoridation, substandard housing and aid to underprivileged countries.

Regina Council hosted the annual meeting of Provincial Council. Dr. Humphrey Osmond, Superintendent of the Mental Hospital at Weyburn, Saskatchewan was guest speaker. Dr. Osmond has introduced many modern methods in the treatment of mental patients. Groups of visitors were encouraged to make regular trips to the hospital. The rehabilitation of 'out' patients was given very special attention.

Books were presented to National Council in an endeavor to make Saskatchewan writers better known. During Fair week paintings, ceramics and books were displayed. The convenor of films served on a seven-member Board to review films banned by the provincial censor. Housing development was encouraged. It was reported that Pioneer Village was to be established; one hundred units designed for Old Age Pensioners of limited means.

1957

The President, Mrs. R. J. Davidson, was re-elected.

The Spring Tea was held in Knox Metropolitan Church. The theme was International. A special guest was Mrs. Edna Judd on her way from New Zealand to International Committee Meeting.

The City Council was urged to present a by-law for a new Collegiate (Martin). The National Council of Women was urged to approach the Federal government to accept more 'hard core' refugees. The attitude towards the liquor problems was studied by the distribution and analysis of a questionnaire. Some of the other subjects studied by committees were: Humane Slaughter; Alcoholism; the need for a new Public Library; Saskatchewan Natural Resources and the hours and days of store opening.

Speakers at Council Meetings during the year included: Miss Irene Lyons, Director of Welfare for Regina Civil Defence, who spoke on the Saskatchewan Civil Defence program; Dr. G. J. Buck who spoke on certain aspects of Indian Education; Mr. George Rohn, Executive Director of Regina branch C.H.M.A., who spoke on Rehabilitation of Mental Patients; Mrs. R. P. Fraser, chairman of Laws, Trades and Professions committee on automation; Dr. Robertson from the Provincial Laboratory on Fluoridation; Mrs. R. J. Davidson on the International Council of Women meeting in Montreal; Mrs. L. McKay Robinson on Industrial Development in Saskatchewan.

Members of Council served on numerous civic boards: Unemployment Insurance, Community Planning, Proposed New Technical Institute, Interim Board and Regina Welfare Council.

One hundred and fifteen women representing the officers and forty-four of the fifty-two federated associations attended the annual meeting. The speaker at the banquet was Mr. Wm. Wuttunee who talked on 'The Franchise and Other Legal Aspects of the Canadian Indian'.

1958

The President elected was Mrs. T. L. Treble.

The Spring Tea was held in Knox Metropolitan Church. The special guest was Mrs. Rex Eaton, O.B.E., National President of Council of Women.

All general meetings have been held in the Council chambers by courtesy of City Council. Speakers were heard at each meeting and their topics show the trend of interest during the year. In February the speaker was Mrs. J. M. Telford, a past president of Saskatchewan Homemakers' Clubs, past president of Regina Council of Women and presently provincial chairman of Education, who was well qualified to speak on 'Whole Education'.

In March Mr. J. R. A. Pollard, chairman of Regina Library Board, spoke on 'The Need for a New Library in Regina'.

The September meeting heard Miss Cornwall-Jones, welfare worker from the Social Welfare Department, speak on 'Training Disabled Persons'.

In October Dr. Lotta Hitchmanova, Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Commission, talked on the topic 'Children of Korea'.

The November speaker was Mr. J. L. Greenhalgh, City of Regina planner. His topic was 'Subsidized Housing Scheme for Regina'.

Representation at the annual meeting was strong and the reports of committees showed an increase in activity in many fields. Resolutions were approved re: Milk Fund, Airport, undesirable articles in family magazines.

1959

President elected was Mrs. T. L. Treble.

The annual meeting was held in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Speaker was Miss Indira Singh. Topic: 'Woman's Work in India'.

Resolutions included: Research in Social Science, Educational TV, Federal Aid to Provinces, Study of Two Languages.

During the year members were privileged to hear speakers whose diversified topics were proof of the wide range of interests in our community. These speakers included Mrs. Eva Pfeifer, Provincial Field Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Her topic was Alcoholism. The primary aim of the W.C.T.U. is to educate our youth of the dangers of beverage alcohol. This is done by means of speech contests, essays and posters.

Miss Corinne Therise of Nutritional Food Foundations spoke on 'Nutrition for the Aged'. Miss Therise discussed the food habits of the elderly, food costs and providing and preparing meals for the aged.

Mrs. B. Drew spoke on 'Women on the March'. We were reminded that voluntary organizations, many of which make up the Council of Women, are experiencing difficulty in finding new Leaders. This is understandable at this time of great opportunities for women who prefer employment or business rather than volunteer work.

Mrs. C. M. Suggitt, Canadian Association of Consumers' president, chose the topic 'Campaign against Package Premiums'.

Mr. J. E. Ewald, rehabilitation officer of Regina jail, spoke of the problems to the family and friends in connection with the rehabilitation of offenders of the law.

Mrs. M. L. Acker's topic was 'Life in Singapore and the Middle East'.

So we realize that Council is not just another Club but a federation of organizations dedicated to the improvement of our communities' way of life.

1960

Mrs. T. L. Treble was elected president.

The highlights of Council included the World Refugee campaign. We also assisted in having a new library by-law passed, circulated a questionnaire on citizens over 65 years of age by a canvas of 100 blocks in the city and assisted the Harrow DeGroot School request for a grant. The need for more women to become interested in the activities of the community was emphasized.

Resolutions included: (1) Income tax exemption for fees paid by parents of retarded children attending recognized schools. (2) A uniform and obligatory course of instruction in citizenship to immigrants. (3) The acceleration of programs to enable the Canadian Eskimo to be independent. (4) The removal of the residential restrictive clause for those receiving Old Age Pensions.

From National Council we approved: (1) Adequate ambulance service. (2) The abolition of Capital Punishment. (3) The high cost of drugs.

The Laws committee presented for consideration a resolution asking that women serve as jurors when called.

The main items of study in the committees were: the proposed Medical Care Bill; Denturists Plan; Saskatchewan Election Act; Jury Duty for Women; the Canadian Constitution and Bill of Rights; The Saskatchewan River Dam; the Hydro-electric project at Squaw Rapids; the Souris River and Boundary Dam; the future of the Coal Industry; Helium Gas and its potential in the Province; Rape Seed Oil production and vertical farming; Provincial Parks, especially Pike Lake and Buffalo Pound.

The Spring Tea was held in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Total receipts from the tea after expenses were paid amounted to \$174.36.

The Annual Meeting was held in Westminster United Church. The speaker was Mrs. J. Hnatyshyn, president of Saskatoon Council of Women. Her topic was 'The Triennial Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.'

1961

Mrs. A. E. Chapman was elected president.

The annual Spring Tea was held in the lounge of the Canadian Legion Hall. Ten federated groups acted as servers. Tickets sold at twenty-five cents each.

Resolutions were approved on: camp sights and hostels, sexual criminals, narcotic drugs and addiction. A letter was sent to the CBC regarding the program 'The Verdict is Yours'. A letter of protest was sent to the company distributing the pamphlet on contraceptives. A special resolution was sent to National Council re: forcing lenders to state clearly how much they charge for a loan. A resolution was sent to Provincial Council re: Women and Jury Duty. It is quite evident that women are very seldom called to serve on juries in Saskatchewan. Moreover the present law makes it very easy for women to refuse to act. The Laws committee felt that the Act should be altered to encourage women to accept this responsibility.

Speakers heard during the year included: Mrs. Ruth Buck of the Regina Collegiate Board, who gave an interesting talk on 'The Great Importance of Education'. Dr. Murray Acker, Director of Regina Health Services, spoke on the meaning of health in three aspects, physical, mental and social. Mr. Fred Holliday, Provincial Film Supervisor, Department of Education, took as his subject 'Films as an Aid to Education'.

Mr. Douglas Wade and Dr. Nero presented films and discussion on 'Preserving the Water Fowl Park Area'. This was in connection with the new Wascana Centre project.

Mrs. H. D. Dalglish, Provincial Council convenor of Laws, spoke on the Federal and Provincial legislation on the Status of women.

A high light of the year was the visit of Mrs. Saul Hayes, Montreal, President of National Council of Women. She spoke to an open meeting in the House of Jacob Synagogue. Her topic was 'Moral Values in a Changing World'.

1962

Mrs. A. E. Chapman was re-elected president.

All meetings have been held in the City Council Chambers. A Course for baby-sitters was organized by the Welfare Committee. Women were encouraged to act on boards and commissions of City Council.

We were represented at the Education Conference in Montreal and at the pre-conference and follow-up conference by the chairman of the Education committee.

The importance of resolutions was stressed. Committees were urged to have a good representation of federated societies so that a cross-section of discussion and thorough study can be made of important topics before voting on them.

Resolutions were submitted on 'The High Cost of Drugs' and on 'Statement of Simple Interest Rates'. The Laws committee studied the age-of-marriage regulations, use of fire-arms by juveniles and continued to press for jury duty for women.

Eight standing committees carried out the work and projects of Council assisted by the three Vice-presidents. Committees were responsible for planning the programme of the General meetings and federated societies contributed to the interest by giving brief reports of the work of their society.

Speakers at General meetings and their topics were: Colonel O. J. Keehr, The Threat of Communism; Mr. C. J. Barton, executive director Regina General Hospital, The Basic Deficiencies of the Present Hospital; Mr. Fred Mullin, Alderman, Geriatrics in Regina. Mrs. R. H. Milliken and Mrs. Myrtle Surjik were Aldermanic candidates.

The Spring Tea was held in Knox-Fellowship Hall. Special desserts were provided by federated groups.

The annual meeting was held in the Hotel Saskatchewan. The guest speaker was Mrs. G. W. Parker, her subject, 'The Land of the Midnight Sun'.

A Provincial Life Membership was presented to Mrs. T. L. Treble and a Local Life Membership was presented to Mrs. J. W. Thom, a valued member who left to make her home in Calgary.

1963

Mrs. Barbara Cass-Beggs was elected president.

Full delegations were sent to both the provincial and National conferences. One delegate and an observer attended the International Council of Women in Washington, D.C. Council was represented at the Indian-Eskimo Association conference held in Regina.

Highlights of activities included: resolutions on smoking and tobacco advertising; transfer of jurisdiction in Indian affairs; registration of day nurseries and kindergartens.

The Social Welfare committee, chaired by Mrs. W. Stephenson, conducted a second series of baby-sitting courses attended by approximately 200 girls who received certificates presented by Mayor Baker.

Share-a-loaf cards for the Mysore project of the Freedom from Hunger campaign were distributed to affiliated associations by the International Affairs committee.

A study of television programs for children was conducted by the Radio, Films, Television and Printed Matter committee. Seventy women watched television for a specified two hours for two weeks and commented on program-timing, content and advertising.

A report on cultural activities and organizations was compiled by the Arts and Letters committee.

A study of legal aid was conducted by the Laws, Trades and Professions committee, together with research into the development of a system of compensation for citizens wrongly prosecuted or unlawfully convicted.

A study of the existing constitution of council was made by the constitution committee, chaired by Mrs. L. H. Thomas, and an amended constitution was presented at the annual meeting.

The Spring Tea was held in honor of the Norman MacKenzie collection in the Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery. A successful Presidents' Tea was held in the fall in Hotel Saskatchewan.

Council is represented on the Centennial committee, the co-ordinating committee on Rehabilitation, the Community Planning Commission, the Welfare Council and the Local "Do It Now" Employment committee.

Names of women willing to serve on City Council committees were again submitted and seven were appointed.

The annual meeting was again held in Hotel Saskatchewan. Over 100 attended the afternoon and dinner meetings. Miss Vida Peene, Toronto, spoke at the annual meeting on 'Spotlight on Canadian Culture'.

A copy of National Council's gift of 'Proud Heritage' was given to each federated association.

1964

Mrs. David Cass-Beggs was re-elected President but resigned in June prior to moving to Montreal. Mrs. R. B. Ramsay was elected President.

Regina Council of Women was well represented on Committees, Commissions and Boards throughout the City as well as the Province. We launched and supported many new projects. Briefly, we supported the Society for the Humane Care of Animals for new facilities; the Education and Social Welfare Committee on survey for determining the need for a Day Care Centre for the Children of Working Mothers; Social Welfare Committee with a Baby-Sitting course for 180 teen-age girls and boys; the Health Committee studied programs on Air Pollution, the high cost of Drugs and a Fluoridation resolution was sent to City Council; the Citizenship committee commenced a study of 'Canadian Cultures' this included a study of the educational contributions of the Ukrainian people to Canada, also a study of the spiritual role of our Chinese community. A series of TV broadcasts were arranged with CKCK-TV to urge women to accept their Civic Responsibilities before the November Civic election; arranged to have a model made of Regina's Old City Hall before it was demolished; sponsored a Safety Belt song written by the Safety Committee to encourage mothers to purchase Junior seat-belts for their children's driving safety. In August Council co-sponsored (with the Leader Post) the performance of the National Youth Orchestra in Regina.

Our programs have been both timely and stimulating. Miss Jean Downing gave an illustrated address on Community Planning; Dr. Duperon discussed "Fluoridation"; Mr. Reynolds conducted a panel on "Vocations"; Civic Responsibilities of Women - consisting of Mrs. D. H. Evans, Mrs. W. B. Clipsham, Mrs. S. H. Wilcox, and Mrs. K. McNeil, Panel on "Civic Responsibilities of Women", and one on "Sex, Violence, Freedom and Broadcasting" with Rev. Alan Crewe and Dr. Dallas Smythe. Our guest speakers included Mrs. Margaret Hood, Women's Editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, whose address "Leave it to the Girls" was the

highlight of our Annual Meeting; Mr. Frank Sojonky, the Director of the Auditorium Committee; Mr. Bill Morrissey, the Executive Director of the Welfare Council and Miss Gay McCannell, the Director of the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre. We were honoured to have two special guest speakers, Mrs. Margaret Collins of the Y.W.C.A., Detroit and Signora Rivera from La Paz, Bolivia.

The 46th Annual meeting of the Provincial Council was held in Regina in April. A Panel on Indian Affairs was arranged by our Citizenship Committee. The panelists were Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Yeo and Mrs. Deiter and the excellent way in which these ladies presented their information proved that Indian women are fully capable of accepting responsibility and leadership. The Arts and Letters committee provided the Saskatchewan Tartan and Tiger Lily badges for name tags.

The Spring Tea was held in the Regina Public Library and the Presidents' Tea in the Qu'Appelle Room of the Hotel Saskatchewan.

Our delegates to the National Council of Women meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, in June, were Mrs. Cass-Beggs, Mrs. Skrypnyk and Mrs. Bettinson.

During the summer Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. D. Cass-Beggs, Mrs. L. H. Thomas and Mrs. H. N. Street prior to their departure from Regina, in recognition of their many years of devoted service to Council of Women.

1965

Mrs. R. B. Ramsay was re-elected President.

The Annual meeting was held on February 8, 1965, in the Qu'Appelle Room of the Hotel Saskatchewan. Our guest speaker was Mrs. John (Margaret) Hood, Women's Editor of the Winnipeg Tribune. Her excellent address was entitled "Leave it to the Girls". Mrs. R. L. Hanbidge, wife of Saskatchewan's beloved Lieutenant Governor, was honoured with an Honorary Life Membership in Regina Council of Women. Two hundred members and guests attended the dinner.

Highlights of 1965 activities included: Active participation in Regina's Jubilee and Centennial plans. Four members of Regina Council of Women are on the Regina Committee. Two past presidents are members of the Saskatchewan Jubilee Committee.

The Social Welfare Committee's follow-up on the Day Centre for the Aged won final approval by City Council. This committee also sponsored two successful Baby-Sitter's Training Courses. Congratulations are due to Mrs. L. T. Holmes, the convenor of this worthwhile project.

The president attended the National Council of Women Executive meeting in Ottawa in January and the Provincial Council of Women meeting in February in Moose Jaw with Mrs. Monette, to formulate plans for the Annual meeting April 5th and 6th chaired by Mrs. Boris Dubinsky. The theme of the meeting was "Let's Take Stock". Mrs. John Hnatyshyn was elected President of Provincial Council of Women.

In March Mr. Wm. Morrissey spoke to us about the Regina Welfare Council and Mrs. Ramsay was presented with the Flowers of Hope from the Harrow DeGroot School on behalf of Regina Council of Women.

The Spring Tea was held on April 7th in the Regina Public Library. Nearly 150 ladies attended this social function. We were grateful to Miss Mary Young and Bruce Parsons for arranging the Public Library Art Exhibit of "Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Drawings" from the collection of Dr. Theodore Heinrich.

Also in April Mrs. Ramsay attended the Vancouver Council of Women Annual Meeting with Mrs. H. H. Steen, President of National Council of Women.

June 1, 2 and 3rd the President represented Regina Council of Women at the National Council Annual meeting in Nanaimo, B.C. It was an exceptional Annual meeting, made even more so by the active interest taken by the two Indian ladies from the Nanaimo Indian Tribe.

In July, Council of Women undertook a new project - the sponsoring of the National Youth Orchestra with Conductor Franz-Paul Decker of Rotterdam, Holland.

The brilliant orchestra of 105 young Canadians enthralled the 1300 people at Exhibition Auditorium on August 8th. We were deeply grateful to the Federated organizations for their co-operation during the three day visit.

In September Mr. Milton Orris, a Graduate Student at University of Saskatchewan, gave us an interesting illustrated talk on his recent trip to India.

In October Mrs. C. E. Martin, our Health Committee chairman, shared her fascinating trip to Dublin with us. She had represented Canada at the Associated Countrywoman of the World convention.

November 3rd was the Civic election for which our members had worked so diligently. All the by-laws passed, however the fluoridation referendum was turned down despite the gallant effort of the Health Committee to bring the truth regarding Fluoridation to the people of Regina.

The Presidents' Tea took place at the home of the President in November. Two hundred and fifty ladies attended the tea.

In November our President attended the organizing meeting for a Yorkton Council of Women. Thanks to the fine efforts of Mrs. Hnatyshyn, our Provincial President, the fifth Local Council of Women in Saskatchewan was born. The others are in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and Swift Current.

Some of the resolutions studied and approved included: transfer of jurisdiction of Indian Affairs from Federal to Provincial Government level; urged legislation for making tests compulsory to determine the amount of alcohol in the blood-stream; the abolition of the death penalty; changes in divorce act; concern for handicapped persons in the construction of public buildings; that legislation be enacted to require the registration of all firms manufacturing, importing or selling drugs.

Programmes indicating violence and immorality shown on TV are of major concern to the Films and TV Committee.

In closing may we quote our National President, Mrs. H. H. Steen, from her Presidential Report; Canada's Centennial Year will very soon be a reality-- Let us create memorials of lasting beauty, commemorating the Confederation of Canada, expressing our thankfulness for our life in this land on the threshold of great expansion and development. May we rededicate our talents in service to our country, in thankfulness for the many blessings that are ours. The greatest joy in the world is the joy of service, the greatest power in the world is the power of love; the greatest rule in the world is the Golden Rule - our Motto.

"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YE WOULD THAT THEY SHOULD DO UNTO YOU."

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 1965

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Mrs. Roy Campbell (P)	Mrs. R.H. Milliken (L) (P) (N)
Mrs. J.E. Cooper, M.L.A. (P)	Mrs. W.H. Orr (L)
Mrs. W.E. Cruikshank (P)	Mrs. W.J. Patterson (N)
Mrs. R.J. Davidson (L) (P)	Mrs. R.B. Ramsay (P)
Mrs. H.H. Gogan (P)	Mrs. L.McK. Robinson (P)
Mrs. R.L. Hanbidge (L)	Mrs. G. Telford (L) (P) (N)
Mrs. J.A. Herman (L) (P)	Mrs. T.L. Treble (L)
Mrs. J.R. Hoag (L)	Mrs. George Wadsworth (P)
Mrs. Lorne Johnson (L) (P) (N)	Mrs. J. Wilkie (L)
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1896	Mrs. Paddon
1897	Mrs. A.E. Forget
	Mrs. Beneke
1898-1900	Mrs. Beneke
1901-1905	Mrs. Bulyea
1906-1908	Mrs. J.H. Smith
1909-1913	Mrs. Wm. Rothwell
1914	Mrs. H. S. Abbot
1915	Mrs. Chas. Robson
1916	Mrs. Robson
	Mrs. Peverett
1917-19	Mrs. Peverett
1920	Mrs. Wm. Omund
1921-1926	Mrs. E.W. Stapleford
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1958-	Mrs. Amy Dalglish
	Mrs. T.L. Treble
1959-1960	Mrs. T.L. Treble
1961-1962	Mrs. A.E. Chapman
1963	Mrs. D. Cass-Beggs
1964	Mrs. D. Cass-Beggs
	Mrs. R.B. Ramsay
1965-	Mrs. R.B. Ramsay

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IN
REGINA COUNCIL OF WOMEN
1965

American Women's Club
Argyle Road Baptist Church
Beth Jacob Sisterhood
Broadway U.C.W.
Business & Professional Women's Club
Canadian Cancer Society
Carmichael U.C.W.
General Council, Home & School
Consumers' Association of Canada
Daughters of America
Empire Rebekah Lodge No. 48
First Baptist W.A.
Garner Lodge L.O.B.A.
Knox-Metropolitan U.C.W.
Lady Patronesses, Grey Nuns Hospital
Lakeview U.C.W.
Lioness Club
Northside W.C.T.U.
Planette Club
Professional Engineers' Wives
Queen City Kinettes
Regina Area Council, Girl Guides
Regina Chapter of Hadassah
Regina C.A.C., Catholic Women's League
Regina Druggists' Auxiliary
Regina General Hospital Auxiliary
Regina Home Economics Association
Regina Homemakers' Club
Regina Musical Club
Regina N.D. #10, St. John's Ambulance
Regina Women's C.C.F. Council
Regina Women's Liberal Council
Regina Women's Progressive-Conservative Club
Relief Society of Latter-Day Saints
Rosemont U.C.W.
St. Andrew's U.C.W.
St. John's U.C.W.
St. Mary's W.A. (Aft. & Even.)
Salvation Army - Home L. & L. of Mercy
Saskatchewan Association for Retarded Children
Ukrainian Women's Association
Ukrainian Women's Organization
Sherwood Co-op. Women's Guild
United Nations (Regina Branch)
University Women's Club
Wesley U.C.W.
Westminster U.C.W.
Whitmore Park U.C.W.
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